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Groups decry funding cuts

Agencies say reductions will harm victims of crime

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – Vital services for crime victims are in danger of disappearing as the Bush administration looks at chopping more than \$1.2 billion from the federal Crime Victims Fund and using the money to reduce the

federal deficit.

Beginning in 2007, nonprofit agencies like Children at Risk Evaluation Services would see their budgets shrink. CARES expects to lose \$50,000, one-third of its \$150,000 annual budget. "It's a huge impact on our program," said Kerry Koonz, program coordinator at CARES.

Victims' rights advocates are writing their lawmakers asking them to amend Bush's budget request and restore the funding.

The Crime Victims Fund was created as part of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 and is funded entirely through collections from federal criminal fines, forfeitures and special assessments, according to the Idaho Attorney General's Office. "This is the whole thing with VOCA funds. This is not taxpayers' money," Koonz said. "It's not like they're trying to limit taxes."

CARES can bill insurance companies and Medicaid for interviews and medical examinations, but it depends mostly on VOCA funds for everything else, such as time spent educating clients about safety and victims' rights or making referrals for counseling.

"The interview is such a small piece of the entire investigation," Koonz said. "Many times, a parent will ask after the interview, 'What happens next and what do I do now?'"

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'Day of Silence' meets 'Day of Truth'

The Associated Press

NEW YORK – Inked by the success of the nationwide Day of Silence, which seeks to combat anti-gay bias in schools, conservative activists are launching a counter-event this week called the Day of Truth aimed at mobilizing students who believe homosexuality is sinful.

Participating students are being offered T-shirts with the slogan "The Truth Cannot be Silenced" and cards to pass out to classmates Thursday – the day following the Day of Silence – declaring their unwillingness to condone "derogatory personal and social behavior."

The driving force behind the Day of Truth is the Alliance Defense Fund, a Christian legal group that has opposed same-sex marriage and challenged restrictions on religious expression in public schools. The event is endorsed by several influential conservative organizations, including the Christian ministry Focus on the Family and the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission.

Old notions die hard for funerals

Los Angeles Times

LAS VEGAS – Dying is easy, the death-care industry is hard.

That's the grim news from the International Cemetery and Funeral Association, a trade group representing some 6,500 cemeteries, funeral homes and crematories, that gathered here recently. For four days, about 500 conventiongoers somberly listened to the gospel delivered by a host of prophets: Prepare for the future or perish, so to speak.

"Your cushy lifestyles are being threatened," said Doug Gohert, a Louisiana-based real-estate guru in the death-care industry. He compared his audience to the ill-fated inhabitants of Pompeii trying to determine what to do before being buried in volcanic ash.

Funerals will increasingly be colored green, not as in money, although let's face it, that's what the annual convention is all about, but as in the environment. The percentage of people who select cremation, which saves precious land, is already around 30 percent nationally. That figure is expected to rise above 50 percent within a generation or two.

The national average cost for a traditional funeral is around \$7,000. Please see FUNERAL, Page A2

PLAYING THE MATING GAME

Columbian sharp-tailed grouse continues to avoid listing

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

CURLEW NATIONAL GRASSLAND – While fingers of snow still cling to hillsides in a picturesque spot of southern Idaho, unceasing sounds penetrate the darkness.

Something strange is afoot in yonder Rockland Valley.

Whispers of lavender in the sky bring promise of an early morning sun as the faint light reveals subtle movements in a grassy vale. A small dark figure darts in and out of wheat-colored grasses.

What are the differences between the oiled grasses. As it stops and pushes its white rump in the air, a hushed drumming sound carries across the breeze.

The strange mating ritual of the Columbian sharp-tailed grouse in the Curlew National Grassland is not so different from dance moves like the white man's overbite at nightclubs around the Magic Valley.

While the strange interludes between single men and women can be found in any town almost any evening, the mating dance of sharp-tailed grouse occurs only for a few weeks and only in certain locations like the Rockland Valley of southern Idaho.

Columbian sharp-tailed grouse once occupied a range up into the Columbia River Basin in Washington down through southern Idaho and into northern Nevada, said Kelson Hatch, regional conservation educator with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

The conversion of habitat into farming and grazing lands reduced the numbers.

"This is one of the last strongholds," Hatch said. Since 1992, the agency has trapped about 855 Columbian sharp-tailed grouse in the southeastern part of the state, said Randy Smith, regional wildlife manager. The birds are relocated to other areas in their historic range. Conservation efforts have convinced the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that the grouse did not need Endan-



A male Columbian sharp-tailed grouse waits to have a radio beacon placed on it at an Idaho Department of Fish and Game temporary station in the Curlew National Grassland.

gered Species Act protection in 2000, to the delight of ranchers and recreationists who use grouse habitat.

"Our proactive program to re-establish the population – not just in Idaho – I think that played pretty heavily in the decision not to list," Smith said.

The department sends out technicians such as Steve Webb to trap birds at their mating grounds, called leks, during the few weeks grouse mate each spring.

At 6:37 a.m. on a Thursday morning, two male sharp-tailed grouse find their way into the traps, or pods, at the corners of the zigzagged chicken wire in the middle of the lek.

The two captured grouse sit in aerated cardboard boxes outside the vehicle. Regardless of being isolated from the lek, the passionate pair continue to stomp their feet fervently as if trying to send Morse code mes-

sages: Bring on the females and beware of the pods.

At the height of the morning, roughly 30 males can be spotted near the mating grounds, dancing and chasing each other. The females, or hens, are a bit more elusive, attending the lek for only a short time, Hatch said.

"The males are a dime a dozen," he whispers from the back seat of a department Sub-

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100 YEARS AGO TODAY

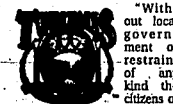
Incorporation forms Twin Falls' first city government

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – Manure heaps were causing a stink in this burgeoning new town. Streets needed maintenance, and schools needed funding. A few undesirable characters had found their way into town and made themselves objectionable. Residents were starting to worry about future water supply and the possible opening of dives.

All good reasons to incorporate a local government, the *Twin Falls News* opined on April 7, 1905.

"The town has outgrown its swaddling clothes and the seams are becoming unseamy," the *News* said that day.



have conducted themselves in a manner which reflects their high character and law abiding spirit," the newspaper reported.

But news of Twin Falls' remarkable growth had attracted the attention of the unemployed, and an influx of job seekers – some with lottier expectations than the *News* deemed reasonable – had some of the longer-term residents worried about law and order.

So 165 people signed a petition urging Cassia County commissioners to incorporate Twin Falls as a village. The document was delivered to Albion on April 12.

The next day, a century ago today, county commissioners promptly granted their wish. Twin Falls' incorporation on April 13, 1905, laid the foundation for future greatness, the *News* proclaimed.

The town's appointed trustees were the first chairman and mayor, Paul S.A. Bickel, chief engineer for the Twin Falls Land & Water Co. Fred W. Elkhoff, a meat market and hardware proprietor, Sam T. Hamilton, an attorney heading a real estate and insurance firm; E.D. Bradley, a grocery business-

man; and Robert M. McCollum, secretary of the Twin Falls Investment Co. They served without pay.

M.T. Records and C.B. Taylor were justices of the peace, and Frank Ramsay was deputy sheriff. Other city officials were City Clerk L.R. Darrow, City Attorney E.B. Critchlow, City Treasurer J.M. Maxwell and City Marshal Albert Snodgrass.

The latter to be paid \$75 per month, was to devote all his time to the duties of his office.

"The first man he catches discharging firearms in the city will be sent to the county jail at Albion on the double quick," the *News* warned on April 21, 1905.

The City Council's first order of business was erecting a city

hall, to replace the small cave in Rock Creek Canyon that had previously held prisoners.

"And the new government made known its intentions to deal with other pressing matters of life in the growing city among them, sanitation, street grades, uniform tree lines, livestock confinement and building inspection."

None of the city's ordinances would "cause any inconvenience worthy of mention," the *News* assured its readers, but would instead protect Twin Falls' citizens and save them from annoyance.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with light showers possible. Highs, lower 50s.
Tonight: Decreasing clouds. Lows, mid to upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Cool and partly cloudy. Highs, upper 40s to near 50.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: A passing shower possible, otherwise mostly cloudy. Highs, lower 50s.
Tonight: Mostly to partly cloudy by morning. Lows, upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy and cool. Highs, upper 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
A cold front draping half across the state today will produce scattered rain and/or snow showers today. They may linger into Thursday as well.

BOISE
Expect a bit of a cooling trend along with more cloud cover today and the evening. A passing shower is not out of the question, but they are expected to be light. Thursday will be dry.

NORTHERN UTAH
We will just be brushed by a cold front today. Temperatures will also be a few degrees below any precipitation will be light if at all.

Yesterdays State Extremes: Hi at Burley, Low at 20 at Malheur. Weather: Partly cloudy, evening light showers, with some rain. Highs: 50-60, Lows: 20-30, Rain: 0.1-0.5, Snow: 0-1.0, Wind: 10-20, Sky: Partly cloudy, evening light showers, with some rain.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Yesterday's Weather
						Hi Lo Prep Burley 70 46 0.00" Coeur d'Alene 48 26 0.00" Jerome 67 37 0.00" Lewiston 47 42 0.10" Mesa 70 39 0.00" Newburg 68 33 0.00" Shoshone 48 29 0.00"
High 51	Low 26	49/24	58/33	70/37	63/35	

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's Low: 40	Month to Date: 0.1"	Yesterday's Minimum: 32%	Yesterday's Pressure: 30.1"	Thursday: Sunrise: 6:58 AM, Sunset: 6:19 PM	High: 100, Low: 10
Record High: 77 in 1960	Year to Date: 0.37"	Today's Maximum: 28%	Record Low: 26.7 in 1934	Friday: Sunrise: 6:56 AM, Sunset: 6:21 PM	Chlorophyll: 100, Low: 10

Temperature & Precipitation with 5 pm yesterday

MOON PHASES

April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28

MOONRISE AND MOONSSET

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Moonrise: 12:02 AM, Moonset: 2:03 AM	Moonrise: 12:02 AM, Moonset: 2:03 AM	Moonrise: 12:02 AM, Moonset: 2:03 AM	Moonrise: 12:02 AM, Moonset: 2:03 AM

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Hi Lo Prep	Hi Lo Prep	Hi Lo Prep	Hi Lo Prep	Hi Lo Prep	Hi Lo Prep

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Boise	51/26	54/28	51/34

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Albany	50/31	55/34	51/34

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

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Cuts

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Koonz said the funding cuts would result in cuts to CARES' already small staff, which, in addition to Koonz, includes one full-time forensic interviewer in Twin Falls, one part-time interviewer in Burley and a secretary. Other Magic Valley agencies that will be deeply affected by "VOCA cuts include the Crisis Center of Magic Valley and the Fifth Judicial District Status Offender Services in Twin Falls. And The Advocates and The Crisis Hotline in the Wood River Valley. The nonprofit agencies receive VOCA funding through the Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance. Diane Blumel, the council's executive director, said the cuts will devastate agencies receiving VOCA funds through her office. Her total budget is \$3.4 million. VOCA funds account for \$2.2 million of that.

"That provides the majority of the money we distribute from our office for the crime assistance program," said Blumel, who is encouraging people to write their lawmakers asking them to restore the funding. "Last year that helped victims at 47 programs throughout Idaho. We'll wipe out virtually all those programs."

Those programs directly provide compensation, counseling, shelter, support and legal help to victims of crime, whether the perpetrator is a stranger or someone the victim knows, Blumel said. And the funding cuts won't only affect agencies, but police departments and hospitals that depend on those agencies to help victims, she said.

On Tuesday, Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden called upon Congress to restore the VOCA funding. "If these federal grants are no longer available, many agencies will simply have to turn away victims of crime," Wasden said in a news release from his office.

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What's the difference between a Columbian sharp-tailed grouse and a sage grouse?

Columbian sharp-tailed grouse

- **Size:** Roughly half the size of a sage grouse, the Columbian sharp-tailed grouse is closely related to the prairie chicken.
- **Color:** These grouse have a mottled brown-gray body, with a pointed tail. Males also have bright yellow eye combs and display violet-colored air sacs during mating rituals.
- **Expectancy:** Live up to 3 years.
- **Mating:** Males gather at mating grounds, called leks, during the early spring in search of females. The males court the females through vocalization and display.
- **Habitat:** Sharp-tailed grouse do not depend on sage brush ecosystems to quite the extent as do sage grouse thriving also in meadow-steppes, mountain shrub and riparian zones.

The sharp-tailed grouse also thrives in areas that contain more abundant grasses and less sage brush.

- **Diet:** Sharp-tailed grouse eat various leafy plants, called forbs, insects and buds.
- **Endangered species status:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service deemed listing the species as unwarranted in 2000.

Greater sage grouse

- **Size:** This species of grouse can weigh up to 7 pounds and is considered the largest of the grouse species.
- **Color:** Greater sage grouse have a mottled blackish-brown body with white details. During mating season, males display air sacs on their breasts.

Life expectancy: These grouse can live up to 8 years.

- **Mating:** Similar to sharp-tailed grouse, males gather at leks and perform dances and produce sounds to attract females.
- **Habitat:** Greater sage grouse depend primarily on sagebrush habitat.
- **Diet:** The species relies heavily on sagebrush for food. Young grouse eat insects and forbs, too.
- **Endangered species status:** In 2004, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service elected not to list the sage grouse for protection under the act.

Sources: Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the North American Grouse Partnership.

Grouse

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urban parked roughly 20 feet from the lek.

As bands of tangerine and deep purple give way to a bright blue sky, Webb and Hatch get anxious over the lack of females.

"Wait until one of the females gets here - these males just got nuts around them," Hatch said.

When a hen finally lands at the lek, she is greeted by a swarm of males. The crowd makes noises varying from a high-pitched cooing to a bawling "poo-coo." Despite the chase, the hen manages to jump up and fly over the pods.

"She needs to get chased into the trees," Webb said.

Smith estimates that about 50 grouse will be trapped and of those 20 will be radio-collared this year. Fish and Game radio collar the leks to locate nesting sites; collar the males' legs; agency officials to new leks, Webb said.

From 1992 to 2002, the agency attached radio collars to the grouse released in the Shoshone Basin.

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Idaho Department of Fish and Game technician Steve Webb takes apart a trap at a lek, to ensure no birds are trapped when there are no observers at the site in the Curlew National Grassland.

"We haven't released any in the Shoshone Basin for three to four years," Smith said. "They seem to be doing really well there."

This marks the third year the agency has released grouse in the House Creek region. Smith hopes the different populations eventually will meet up.

Nurturing the grouse population depends on nesting success and preserving early brood habitat, Smith said.



Chairman of the General and Plastic Surgery Services Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee Michael Choti holds an uncased Inamed silicone-gel breast implant as panel member Leigh Callahan reaches for a cased Inamed silicone-gel breast implant on Tuesday in Gaithersburg, Md.

Implants can't escape restrictions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Silicone-gel breast implants haven't been proven safe enough to lift a 13-year near-ban on their use, federal health advisers concluded in a narrow vote Tuesday.

The big remaining question is how often the implants break apart inside women's bodies, crucial information for patients to make an informed choice on whether to undergo the expensive surgery, the advisers told the Food and Drug Administration.

The panel voted 5-4 against lifting restrictions that since 1992 have limited use of the controversial devices to women enrolled in strict research studies.

Trade deficit hits record in February

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit, exacerbated by surging imports of oil and textiles, soared to an all-time high of \$61.04 billion in February.

The Commerce Department said the February imbalance was up 4.3 percent from a \$58.5 billion trade gap in January as a small \$50 million rise in U.S. exports of goods and services was swamped by a \$2.58 billion increase in imports.

For the first two months of this year, the trade deficit is running at an annual rate of \$717.2 billion, a full \$100 billion above the record imbalance of \$617.1 billion set for all of 2004.

Iraqis increasingly call for U.S. to leave

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqis are increasingly calling on U.S. forces to leave their troubled nation, emboldened by a newly elected parliament and the growing presence of their blue-uniformed police forces — even though the new Iraqi leaders say it's too early to talk about a U.S. pullout.

The calls gained momentum when Shiite and Sunni religious clerics called for protests to

mark the two-year anniversary of Baghdad's fall, prompting four days of demonstrations across the country.

Tens of thousands of mostly Shiite protesters, largely followers of militant cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, filled central Baghdad's streets Saturday, holding the largest anti-American protest since the invasion. Demonstrations have continued, all echoing the same demand: It's

time for U.S. troops to leave.

Sadly, some Iraqis say it's too early for the Americans to leave because Iraqi forces aren't ready for the daily attacks that have killed thousands in the past two years of the insurgency.

"If the Americans leave Iraq now, the political forces will fight each other in order to get power and the victims will be the Iraqi people," said Rashid Abbas, a 61-year-old waiter.

Even the influential Association of Muslim Scholars, which has been accused of ties to insurgents, has called for a timetable for a U.S. withdrawal, not an immediate exit.

But the protests reflect a growing impatience with American troops, viewed here both as protectors and intruders. Insurgents fueling the conflict direct their rage at U.S. troops and Iraqis seen as coop-

erating with them. That, in part, has delayed any talk of a pull-out, with U.S. leaders saying they will only leave when the Iraqi government asks them to go.

However, some Iraqis argue the country is ready to take care of itself — after the Jan. 30 elections, the first free vote in 50 years, and last week's naming of an interim prime minister, Shiite Ibrahim al-Jaafari.

Rumsfeld urges Iraqis to avoid politicizing military

SALAHUDDIN, Iraq (AP) — On a whirlwind tour of Iraq that included his first visit to the Kurdish region, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld urged the emerging national government on Tuesday to avoid politicizing the Iraqi military.

At a news conference in a shaded courtyard surrounded by young pear trees, Rumsfeld was asked whether Iraqi officials he met earlier in Baghdad had given him assurances about continuity in the senior leadership of the Iraqi security forces.



Donald Rumsfeld

turbulence in the Iraqi security forces and not settling back the important progress that's been achieved."

Last week, Talabani was selected as president of the transitional government about continuity in the senior leadership of the country until constitutional elections scheduled for December.

Some in the Bush administration fear the new interim government will lead to political rivals who have been working with U.S. officials since Iraq regained sovereignty last June.

IRS expects 9 million extensions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like your grade school teacher, the Internal Revenue Service won't believe the dog ate your homework — or your tax return. But harried taxpayers can get another four months beyond Friday's April 15 deadline for getting their returns in.

IRS finds the estimate to be unreasonable.

Although the extension form is short, that can be a little deceptive, said Kathy Burdison, director of tax implementation at H&R Block. Calculating an estimate of taxes due forces many taxpayers to fill out most of their return.

Almost 9 million people are expected to file for automatic extensions, a step that can be taken with a phone call, a few mouse clicks or a single piece of paper.

The reprieve does not give taxpayers more time to pay any money owed. Anyone who requests an extension must estimate the taxes due and enclose a check or authorize an electronic bank withdrawal. The extension will be voided if the

"By the time you do the work to figure out the information on the extension, you might as well do your taxes," she said.

The IRS expects about 40 million taxpayers to reach the same conclusion and make a last dash this week to beat the deadline. Tax professionals warn procrastinators to be careful and avoid simple errors that can slow a refund or cause an electronically filed tax return to be rejected.

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WORLD

Next pope faces financial woes

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The next pontiff will not only have to care for the souls of his 1 billion-member flock worldwide, but also their pocketbooks, taking into account the falling dollar, the cost of sex abuse settlements and the Vatican's expanding diplomatic mission.

Pope John Paul II demanded financial accountability and promised greater transparency after years of secrecy and a banking scandal, but in the last years of his papacy the Holy See fell back in the red.

"The dollar has really hurt them," said the Rev. Thomas Reese, a Vatican expert. "We're not only talking about money coming from the United States. All the rich guys in the Third World also give in dollars."

Vatican officials bristle at what John Paul once called "the myth" that the Holy See is immensely wealthy.

The Vatican owns an immense collection of art treasures, and there have been occasional reports that church leaders were considering selling Michelangelo's statue of the Pieta, sculptures by Bernini or other masterpieces to pay its debts, or help the needy. Officials responded that the artworks are "a treasure for all humanity" and cannot be sold.

In a rare disclosure last year, a Vatican accountant said the

Collectors line up for Vatican stamps

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Stamp collectors and pilgrims turned out in large numbers at Vatican post offices Tuesday as special stamps went on sale marking the period between Pope John Paul II's death and the election of his successor.

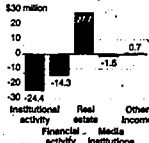
Dozens had gathered outside the two post offices near St. Peter's Basilica even before their 8:30 a.m. opening, with the group swelling in size as the day wore on.

The so-called "Sede Vacante" — or vacant See — stamps include a traditional image used by the Vatican in official documents in periods between popes: two crossed keys but no

Vatican deficit

The Vatican reported a deficit of \$11.8 million in fiscal 2003, its third straight year finishing in the red.

Vatican income by sector



NOTE: All dollar figures converted from euros at exchange rates for July 2004, when the figures were released.

SOURCE: Vatican

Holy See's real estate is worth 700 million euros, or about \$908 million. That does not include St. Peter's Basilica and the Sixtine Chapel, which the report termed priceless and valued at a symbolic 1 euro.

The Vatican went through 23 years of spending more money than it took in, until 1993, when the situation improved dramatically after a revised code of church law made clear that Roman Catholic dioceses around the world should assist the Holy See.

papal headgear.

The traditional image on Vatican stamps issued while a pope is alive has the keys and the headgear.

They will remain valid only until a new "Holy Father" appears at the window of St. Peter's," said Pier Paolo Francini, the head of the Vatican's Philatelic and Numismatic Office.

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German SWAT teams rescue kids

ENNEPetal, Germany (AP) — For five hours, the girls waited in the red brick house — held by a man with a knife who had pulled them off a public bus on their way home from school. Then came the commandos, and it was over.

The German police SWAT team rescued the four bound girls shortly after 6 p.m. Tuesday after slipping into the house at the end of a cul-de-sac, surpris-

ing the suspect and taking him into custody.

One of the girls, a 16-year-old, had a superficial knife wound on her stomach. None of the others, all 11 years old, was injured.

The suspect, identified as a 50-year-old Iranian asylum-seeker who has been in Germany since the 1990s, was injured as he was overpowered, police said. The man apparently wanted to be al-

lowed to bring his children from Iran to Germany.

The SWAT team acted with particular caution, because the man was known to have psychological problems and the house in which he held the girls was owned by a hawker who had rifles and handguns on the premises, lead investigator Ulrich Kuhme said.

"Thank God, he did not use that opportunity," Kuhme said.

Police jumped the man after he had bound his four captives together to take them to the bathroom, Kuhme said.

The man had pulled the girls off a public bus he commandeered and forced them into the basement of the house at about 1 p.m. The bus was packed with children on their way home from school in the town of Ennepetal, between the cities of Dusseldorf and Dortmund.

Gaza withdrawal opponents chain dozens of schools shut

JERUSALEM (AP) — Activists chained shut dozens of schools Tuesday to protest Israel's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip, and the army confined one Jewish extremist to his home until the pulpit is complete.

Activists shut 167 Tel Aviv-area schools and nursery schools, placing chains and small locks on the doors of the buildings from Bat Yam, south of Tel Aviv, to Herzliya, an affluent coastal area north of the city, police spokesman Yossi Avedit said.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to evacuate all Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements

this summer has drawn fierce opposition from Jewish settlers. The plan will uproot some 9,000 settlers from their homes.

Settlers and their supporters repeatedly have taken to the streets since the plan was announced a year ago, holding mass demonstrations, forming a 55-mile human chain from the Gaza Strip to Jerusalem and even burning tires on several occasions to block main highways during rush hour.

To deal with the security threat, Israel will train 10,000 soldiers to carry out the evacuation from the Gaza Strip and West Bank, a senior Israeli army officer said Tuesday.



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MORNING BREAK

Mom shops after woman's labor starts

DEAR ABBY: My mother came to help us when my wife, "Dana," was due to give birth. When Dana's water broke and her contractions started, Mom insisted that I take her shopping.

She argued that deliveries take a long time, and she needed certain ingredients for a special meal. Dana wanted to go to the hospital. We argued back and forth, and finally Dana said: "Fine. Go. But come back as fast as you can."

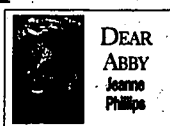
Once we were at the mall, my mother said she also wanted to run some errands.

The short story is, we ended up spending a long time shopping.

When we arrived back home, Dana was desperate. We drove to the hospital, and the doctor was annoyed that I had waited so long to get her there.

Dana delivered a healthy baby after three hours, but the doctor insisted that we should have arrived at the hospital earlier, and my wife agreed.

I told Dana she should have been more assertive and demanded to be taken to the



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

hospital. Who is right?

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR CAUGHT: Your mother's ignorance and lack of sensitivity are appalling. Childbirth is painful and traumatic enough without adding the stress of a power struggle with an in-law. Your wife's wishes should have taken precedence over your mother's desire to go shopping. Please remember that, and while we're on the subject of childbirth — and weddings — read on:

DEAR ABBY: My best friend is being married in Las Vegas. Her brother's wife is pregnant, and her due date is seven days before the proposed wedding date. My friend's brother is trying to make her feel guilty about

wanting to keep the date. My friend would very much prefer her brother to be present on her big day, and she's angry that he is making this about them instead of her. Should she reschedule her wedding around her sister-in-law's pregnancy?

FRIEND IN CANNADA

DEAR BEST FRIEND: I doubt that the ob/gyn would want his patient to travel such a long distance to late in her pregnancy. The father-to-be should be with his wife when she gives birth. If the bride wants to be absolutely sure her brother can attend, she should change the date of the wedding. If that is not possible, perhaps the ceremony could be videotaped, and a copy sent to the brother and his wife.

DEAR ABBY: Many mornings, in your column, and other advice columns, I see problems about weddings.

The letters all voice similar complaints: Reality is interfering with someone's dream wedding. One letter you printed came from a young woman who was upset that she wasn't

getting the kind of wedding she wanted because her mother and mother-in-law were paying for it.

Your advice to pay for what she wanted herself was valid — but she might also keep the following in mind. As a mother of two daughters, I too, was obsessed about hosting the "perfect wedding." Then a dear friend and neighbor, the rabbi who was to officiate at my daughter's wedding, commented: "The wedding lasts at most two hours; it's the marriage that counts."

That bit of wisdom helped me relax. My daughters' marriages have lasted 27 and 30 years, respectively. Although the celebrations were lovely, I'm sure neither one was "perfect." But who cares? No one! How right he was.

SUE R. IN CINCINNATI

DEAR SUE: I hope your advice helps those who need it to recognize their priorities. Your rabbi was right.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Endless amounts of get-up-and-go are at your back—and call, especially if you are warming up for a fresh project. A do-or-die attitude will see important schemes through to completion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your world may revolve around your significant other's obsession and that could lead to success for those couples who share dreams. Go for the gold in any business endeavor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Analyze problems from an objective standpoint and you may find the perfect solution. Passionately share your goals and objectives with a partner and you will be able to reach them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A fervent interest in work, career or business could occupy every waking minute. Conversations with romantic partners may lack warmth on the surface, but joint interests will be achieved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put your shoulder to the boulder and you can move mountains. Immense drive and determination in the stars today will create success in any important un-

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detarking. Work hard, play hard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Dig deep to get down to essential truths. To be a success, shared feelings, money and resources require your devoted attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Others in close connection can provide attractive examples, so follow the leader for the best results. Join forces with others to make important career moves or implement business plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are at your best when you grab hold and refuse to let go. You possess will power to tackle major undertakings and see them through.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Where there's a will, there's a way. No obstacle can hold you back once your interest is aroused. Write down inspirations and share them — but avoid confrontations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Think things over. Being a nit-pickers ensures that potential trips and troubles won't catch you napping. Devotion to home and family might motivate you to great deeds.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be dedicated to accuracy if finances are at stake. Balance the checkbook and look for ways to slash expenses. Friends could challenge you to think deeply about what is important.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take pride in having the best of everything. Maintain a spotless appearance and keep your hands clean.

One in 10,000 bills is fake

According to the Secret Service, one in every 10,000 bills is counterfeit.

This day in history: Happy Birthday to the man who first brought ice cream (from France). No, not Baskin or Robbin, not Ben or Jerry. It was Thomas Jefferson, born April 13, 1743.

If you can still raise an eyebrow about this, you're not part of this trend: More than 3 million people got bottomed last year.

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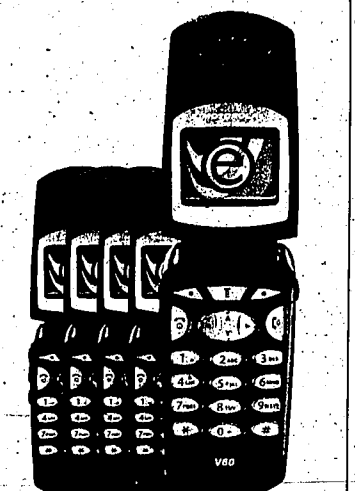
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EDITORIAL

Biotech plan in Hagerman sounds odd, but it can work

If you tell the neighbors you're building a "bleeding barn" on your property, don't expect to be invited to the Memorial Day picnic.

Whether or not you were raised in the country, the phrase stirs up some rather gruesome images. So few outsiders can blame Hagerman residents for opposing

commercial and industrial uses. The T2 zoning only prohibits composting and other indoor recreational facilities, so the application is kosher.

Seeing how his biotech lingo has made neighbors squamish, Nebeker has also worked to clarify how the company doesn't use animal carcasses. The lab would use raw materials, such as blood, plasma and other animal tissues, to produce biotech products for research, diagnostic and pharmaceutical industries.

Our view: A new bioproduct company in Hagerman has proven that it isn't as bad as it sounds.

What do you think?
We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Upon closer examination, however, the facility in question is no slaughterhouse. Gooding County Planning and Zoning Commission carefully and properly voted 5-0 to give the permit a green light.

Mark Nebeker, the permit applicant who has spent 25 years in the bioproducts industry, explained to the commission and concerned residents that his business will collect animal blood and process it into serum for diagnostic kits. Living animals would not be killed on the premises, but rather would donate blood much like human donors do for the Red Cross.

Potential neighbors to the new company are already planning to appeal the decision to Gooding County commissioners. High on their list of concerns is how the facility's protein isolate wastewater is properly disposed. They also object to an ag-commercial enterprise being so close to residential properties.

But commissioners duly recognized that the land is zoned as a transitional district, which allows

pany Enviroclean to retrieve the waste instead of employing settlement ponds that could produce odors. That move will require Enviroclean to modify its own permit with the Department of Environmental Quality, so that it can properly dispose of the wastewater.

But aside from that, P&Z commissioners appear to have made their decision by the book. If Enviroclean's permit is modified, Idaho Bio Products appears to be fully within its boundaries of applying and gaining the special permit.

Nebeker still has a fight on his hands — if not with an appeal then in prolonged suspicions from neighbors who don't trust the operation.

But maybe that's just another lesson for any prospective company moving into new properties. If you're careful to satisfy neighbors, you'll improve your chance to serve the market. To this point, it appears Idaho Bio Products has worked to do both.

Reining in the GOP's parade

The Republican Party is running into a problem: the conservatism of the American people. Over the past decade, the Republicans have set themselves up as the transformational party. That's fine for a party with big ideas.

But the American people, who can be quite bold when it comes to transforming their personal lives, tend to be temperamentally conservative and cautious when it comes to government. They have a taste for order and a distrust of those who want too much change on too many fronts too quickly. It's become increasingly

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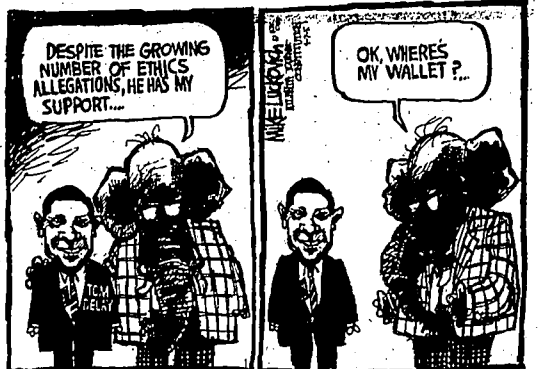
clear that the Republicans are bumping into some limits. First, there's the Trent Schlay case. Republicans charged boldly forth to preserve her life and were surprised by how few Americans charged along behind them. Fewer than a third of the American people opposed removing her feeding tube.

Being conservative, most Americans believe that decisions should be made at the local level, where people understand the texture of the case. Even many evangelicals, who otherwise embrace the culture of life, grow uneasy when politicians in Washington start imposing solutions from afar, based on abstract principles rather than concrete particulars.

Then there is Social Security reform. Republicans set forth with a plan to give people some control over their own retirement accounts. Here, too, Republicans have been surprised by the tepid public support.

One can understand that there is a big problem, but right now most oppose personal accounts invested in the markets. According to a Wall Street Journal poll this week, a third of Republicans currently oppose them.

Being conservative, many Americans are suspicious of bold government initiatives, especially ones that seem complicated and involve borrowing. Being conservative, they prefer the old and familiar over the new and untried.



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Then there is the Tom DeLay situation. Conversations with House Republicans in the past week leave me with one clear impression: If DeLay fails, it will not be because he took questionable trips or put family members on the payroll. It will be because he is unduly producing and may become a political liability.

Being conservative, the American people don't want leaders who perpetually play it close to the ethical edge. They don't want leaders who, under threat, lash out wildly at beloved institutions like the judiciary. They don't want leaders whose instinct is always to go out wildly on the edge. They don't want leaders so reckless that even when they know they are living under a microscope, they continue to act in ways that invite controversy. House Republicans like

what DeLay has done, and few have any personal animus toward him, but his aggressiveness makes them — and his own constituents — nervous. Only 33 percent of DeLay's Texas constituents said they would stick with him if he were up for re-election today, a Houston Chronicle survey found.

Then there's the lavish public spending, which offends the conservative sensibility. Then there is the talk of going to the nuclear option on judges' confirmations, which smacks of the radical confrontationalism that led to last decade's government shutdown. All in all, intellectual conservatism is bumping up against a dispositional conservatism.

This does not mean good news for Democrats. That party is at risk of going into a death spiral. The Democrats lost

white working-class voters by 23 percentage points in the last election, and now the party is being led by people who are guaranteed to alienate those voters even more: the highly educated and secular university-town elites who follow Howard Dean and believe Bush hatred and stridency are the outward signs of righteousness. According to a Democracy Corps poll, the Democratic Party's standing has dropped 8 percentage points since the election.

Nor does it mean that Republicans should abandon their ideas, but it may be time to think about methods. Public opinion is not always right, but it is always worth respecting. And the message the public seems to be sending these days is that there is a need for prudence. The world is risky enough. Leaders who want to change things had better not give off the impression that they love change for its own sake.

The public face of the Republican Party these days should be, when he recovers from minor surgery, the House speaker, Dennis Hastert. This is a moment for leaders who seem stoic and secure, a moment for tortoises, not hares.

David Brooks is a columnist for The New York Times

LETTERS

Mexican workers give much to economy

This letter is in response to Richard Davis' unfortunate outlook (April 8) on Mexico and the Mexican people as a whole.

I would also like to suggest to Mr. Davis that, with an attitude like his, maybe he should shave his head and move to northern Idaho.

Without migrant workers, legally or illegally in this country, doing unbelievably hard work for ridiculously low wages, America's economy would, without a doubt, collapse. Not only do these people — you know, human beings just like you — have families to feed, clothe and take care of, they work their butts off for a whole lot less than any American would and don't ask for more.

Please remember that this country is full of many different types of people coming together to make "one nation, under God, indivisible" — oh, yeah, and last but definitely not least, "justice for all."

Do you enjoy eating, sir? Thank a farmer and his employees.

I am grateful to all farm workers because of what they are capable of.

Maybe Mr. Davis should have paid a little more attention to the media coverage of

the death of the Pope. Though I am not Catholic, I don't care what religion one is, it is still very moving to view. If all of us could be a little more humane, then maybe our world would be just a little better for it. Shame on you for being a racist and shame on The Times-News for printing such racist comments. STACEY REYES Murtaugh

Wider street plan is road to disaster

The developer for the subdivision, "Sentry's Ridge," has preliminarily planned the new Wendell Street, Wendell Street, as planned, is a street that measures 64 feet in width. An adjoining developer plans to extend this planned street. If approved, this 62-foot-wide street will run north and south for one mile through a residential area. Wendell Street will be abutted by 1,000 residential homes and a four-acre park in the center of the subdivisions. Any child who lives in subdivisions to the west of Wendell Street will have to cross Wendell Street to get to the new park.

The Local Government Commission is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership organization that provides inspiration, technical assistance and networking to the

local elected officials and other dedicated community leaders who are working to create healthy and resource-efficient communities. A quote from the LGC: "... streets in... conventional neighborhood are longer and serve more people; they tend to be wider and allow for faster speeds. The safest streets with narrow 24-foot-wide streets. As streets get wider, the number of accidents per mile per year increased."

In the book, "Livable Streets," Don Appleyard reported on research that shows wide residential streets typical of most new subdivisions result in speeding and dangerous conditions for pedestrians and cyclists. The result is a disproportionately large number of pedestrian injuries and deaths in many parts of the country. And more than half of all pedestrian fatalities nationwide occur on roadways that run through residential neighborhoods.

The developer has offered Wendell Street as a "better road" than Canyon Rim Road. Research seems to show that a 64-foot street is a disaster. Common sense says one would want to split the traffic that runs through a residential area and keep the widths to a safe 24 feet and not create a residential "drag strip." Three 24-foot streets (Canyon Rim Road, Wendell Street and

Grandview Drive) would allow the traffic to flow around and through this residential area. Twenty-four foot streets seem more in the public interest and safety than a one-mile "drag strip." This only seems to be common sense, but then I'm not in it for the money. CHIPS BARLOW Twin Falls

An immature push for Kemphorne road plan

Compromise Sounds like blood to me. When the governor vetoes bills because they would not pass his school, sounds like two kids on the school yard, sticking out their tongues at each other. Yes, we need more road work done, a new bridge across the Snake at 93, and many other things. What is he pushing for new roads or something else, like higher position in the Senate or has he got some other interest?

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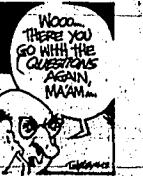
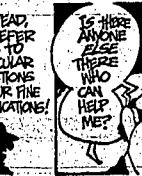
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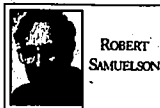
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By Bruce Tinsley

Today's CEOs – not as evil as you think

They've gone from heroes to bums. Hardly a day passes when the press or prosecutors don't thrash some corporate chief executive officer for alleged managerial blunders or accounting irregularities. The insurance mogul Maurice "Hank" Greenberg, lately of the American International Group, is only the most recent target. Then there are those familiar symbols of scandal: the former bigwigs of Enron and WorldCom. A few years ago, American CEOs were celebrated as architects of the "New Economy." Now, they inspire scorn or rage. What we have is a corporate Watergate, says management consultant John Challenger. It's that – and more.



ROBERT SAMUELSON

Like the preceding glorification, the present vilification obscures a larger reality. The true transformation of CEOs is not the recent plunge from public grace. It's a slow-motion evolution that, despite many excesses, mistakes and some crimes, has served the nation rather well. To oversimplify, CEOs have changed from bureaucrats to warriors. You can glimpse the effects in a couple statistics. The first: in the fourth quarter of 2004, after-tax business profits were 2.2 percent of national income, the highest since at least 1950, says Mark Zandi of Econo.com. The second: from 2001 to 2004, annual growth in productivity (output per hour worked) averaged 4.3 percent, the best since – again – 1950. In our minds' eye, we see CEOs as a ruthless and selfish bunch, closing factories, squeezing health-insurance coverage and slashing wage increases – even while arranging lavish pay packages for themselves. To some extent, the stereotype unfairly dehumanizes CEOs. But like many stereotypes, it contains much truth. In 2004, the CEOs of 173 major companies were paid an average of \$9.84 million, up 12 percent from 2003, reports a survey done by Pearl Meyer & Partners for the New York Times. By contrast, average labor compensation rose only 4.5 percent. But the obsessive drive to improve profits, though cold-blooded, also creates overlooked social benefits. It's



not simply that growing profits bolster the stock market or finance new investment. The broader point is that advancing productivity – a fancy term for efficiency and a byproduct of the quest for profit – is the wellspring of higher living standards. Without it, we'd quarrel ferociously over pieces of a fixed economic pie (heck, even with it, we quarrel).

What moves productivity is a mystery, subject to many influences: new technologies, workers' education, the level of inflation and corporate management, among others. From 1973 to 1995, productivity growth averaged a lackluster 1.5 percent a year. Medicine management was partly to blame. Small wonder: CEOs were usually "company men," promoted from within. Their main mission was to protect the organization and polish the public reputation of corporations. They were compensated like tenured bureaucrats without much incentive pay.

Growing profitability and productivity were taken for granted, because American management was assumed to be so superior. It wasn't. Competition – foreign and domestic – intensified. Hostile takeovers threatened juggling companies. Worried CEOs focused more on the bottom line. Directors increasingly picked outsiders as CEOs, "searching for a corporate savior," writes Rakesh Khurana of the Harvard Business School in his book by that title. The talents, temperaments and values of CEOs shifted. The new breed is more individualistic, more "charismatic" (Khurana's label),

more profit-driven. This broad transformation – even if it doesn't apply to everyone – illuminates today's CEO paradox. At worst, it leads to abuse and fraud. The abuse consists of all those inflated pay packages, reached in non-competitive negotiations with directors. CEOs are often overpaid in the sense that they would work just as hard for less. From 1993 to 2003, the average compensation of CEOs of the Standard & Poor's 500 companies rose 140 percent after inflation, says one report. Unlike bureaucrat CEOs, today's warriors feel little self-restraint; having been charged to maximize corporate profits, they feel entitled to maximize their own. The fraud occurs when this mind-set causes ex-

ecutives to resort to accounting deceptions to prop up profits and stock prices. But headline outrages are not the only story. A vibrant economy requires someone to screen out inefficiencies and promote change. In the 1980s, U.S. companies were compared unfavorably with Japanese and German rivals that supposedly focused more on the "long term." In reality, the "long term" was often an excuse to stand pat. The American economy has done better – achieved higher living standards, adapted more smoothly to change – in part because most CEOs faced problems when they arose and didn't wait for the long term.

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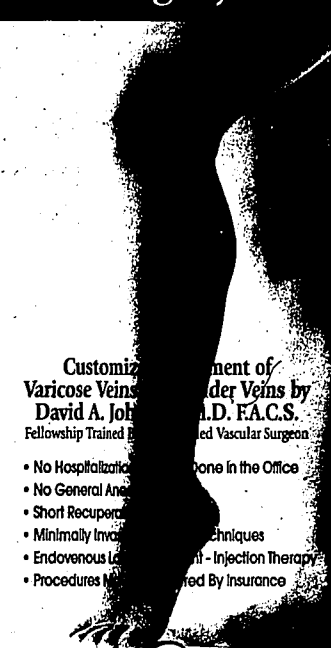
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Judge postpones Henry's murder trial

TEROME — A judge has delayed the murder trial of a woman accused of murder.

Rawlie Henry, 25, faces one count each of first-degree murder, first-degree arson and destroying evidence in connection with the death of her husband, Lammars, whose charred remains were identified in January through DNA testing. They were found in the couple's burned out home in November.

Rawlie Henry

Henry's defense attorney, Rockne Lammars, argued in court Tuesday for a postponement of his client's trial, which was scheduled for May 4.

Judge John Butler responded by moving the trial to Oct. 5.

It is expected to last three weeks.

Lammars also made arguments before the judge Tuesday for additional counts to be appointed to the defense. Lammars cited his current caseload, the complexity of the case, the investigation of the Jerome County Sheriff's Department and the involvement of the Idaho Attorney General's Office as reasons for additional counsel.

"In my 23 years of practicing law there have only been a handful of cases that have been as complex or as voluminous as this one," Lammars told the judge.

Butler said he would take the motion under advisement and will render a written decision on the matter no later than Monday.

Magic Valley Reads! program ends today

TWIN FALLS — The last session of the Magic Valley Reads! program ends today.

The book, "William Clark and the Shaping of the West" by Landon Jones, will be discussed by Josephine Jones of the Log Cabin Library Center in Boise.

The set of books is available for check-out at the library and some books are available for purchase at local book stores.

The Lewis and Clark series is part of a statewide, Idaho Let's Talk About It project sponsored by the National Library of Medicine, Log Cabin Library Center, the Idaho Humanities Council and U.S. Bank.

Everyone is invited. For more information, call Susan Ash at 733-2964.

Torch Run benefits Special Olympics

TWIN FALLS — The 2005 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Idaho will be held at 10 a.m. today.

Participants can run, skate or bicycle in this year's Law Enforcement Torch Run. It begins at Carquest, 1810 S. Perkins Road, and ends at Perkins Restaurant, 1564 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. A pickup vehicle will be available allowing participants to run as little as far as much as they want.

Registration will be available at Carquest the day of the run. All participants will receive a Law Enforcement Torch Run shirt and will be required to sign a release of liability waiver prior to the run.

Parents/guardians must sign for minors.

The torch run will be followed on Thursday by the 10th annual Trips-a-Cop.

From 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Perkins Restaurant, law enforcement officers will trade in their handcuffs for serving trays as they wait tables for tips benefiting Special Olympics.

For more information about either event, contact Leslie Jones or Tracy Pereira of the Twin Falls Police Department at 735-4357.

Or contact Tom Baker, the Torch Run liaison for Special Olympics-Idaho at (208) 323-0482, ext. 21.

— compiled from staff reports

Johnson will stay in Blaine County

Judge tells prosecutors, defense to improve communication

By Jennifer Llabrum
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Despite a jury's decision to convict Sarah Johnson on two counts of first-degree murder, her attorneys maintained Tuesday that she remains a victim, denied visits from her attorneys and held accountable by evidence

that wasn't fully explored. Johnson's defense team appeared before 5th District Court Judge Barry Wood seeking that Johnson be held in the Ada County Jail — or at the very least in Blaine County — until her sentencing hearing at the end of June. She faces life in prison in connection with the September 2003 shooting deaths of her par-

ents, Alan and Diane Johnson. Sarah Johnson entered the court looking a bit thinner and wearier than during her trial. She scanned the crowd for supporters and showed little emotion during the hour-long hearing.

Defense attorneys Bob Pang-

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Sarah Johnson and Pat Dunn, an investigator with Johnson's defense team, converse during a hearing in Hailey on Tuesday.

GOING TO COLLEGE



Lincoln Elementary School sixth-grader Jacob Nielsen, left, inspects a scope used in knee arthroscopy, while classmate Tyler Dixon looks on during a health and sciences discussion at the College of Southern Idaho on Tuesday. The talk was part of the 'I'm Going to College' program at the school. Some 900 sixth-graders throughout the Magic Valley are taking part in the program.

Sixth-graders get a taste of higher education for a day

By Jill Michaels
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Sixth-graders from Lincoln Elementary School got their appetites whetted for college life Tuesday. The College of Southern Idaho hosted the students during its outreach program called "I'm Going to College." The children participated in classroom activities, ate lunch in the CSI cafeteria, and toured the campus. Each student will also receive a \$50 scholarship.

The program was developed by the Northwest Education Loan Association in Seattle and implemented at the college last year by two staff members.

Joyce Moore and Sylvia Jensen. Moore works in CSI's student financial aid office.

Jensen is CSI's director of community education. Local sponsors include First Federal Savings Bank and the CSI Foundation.

In one activity to illustrate the challenges of making a living, students played a game called "Show Me the Money." Jennifer Zimmers paid out play money to several students, representing monthly salaries for graduates of high school, two-year and four-year colleges.

Near the end of the game, the high school graduate went broke while the four-year college student still had a chunk of

money to spend on a vacation.

Susan Busch, a NELA client services representative, said she appreciated the program's emphasis on "early awareness of education."

Brecca Anderson, 11, said, "I liked how you got to meet teachers."

"You can pick your classes," mused Katie Gallier, 12. "You have years to take different things."

Lea Rogers, a sixth-grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary, said the day's experience opened a lot of doors.

"I have an all-girls class, and we have been talking about different careers," Rogers said.

"The best thing about this

program is the ripple effect," said Moore.

"We have received a lot of community support," Jensen said. U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo has voiced his support of "I'm Going to College," and school officials anticipate his visit.

The senator was unable to attend Tuesday's events, but he did record a message on video to play for the students.

The program's outreach effort works both ways.

"The 'thank you' letters we receive from the students bring tears to my eyes," Jensen said. "This isn't just a field trip to them. It changes their whole outlook, for life."

Buhl council raises municipal pool fees

By Jana Davidson
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Prices at the city's public pool will increase prior to the opening of swim season this summer.

Following a public hearing Monday, the Buhl City Council approved rate increases for season passes, family passes and swim lessons.

The decision to raise season pass rates was prompted by the realization that cost of a season pass was out of line with daily gate fees, city officials said.

The council also dropped the distinction between city residents and nonresidents. A season pass will cost \$25. Previously, the season pass cost \$19 for city residents and \$25 for those who lived outside the city.

Daily gate fees will not change. Public Works Director Bob Himmelberger said the price increases will help offset

Price changes at the city pool

Type	Old	New
Season pass	\$19 city resident; \$25 nonresident	\$25 for all residents
Family of four pass	\$33	\$50, plus \$15 for additional members
Swim lessons	\$12 city resident; \$15 nonresident	\$35 for 10 hours, all residents

some of the costs associated with the new pool heater and maintenance expenses.

In other business, Kathy Schofield, a secretary at Buhl High School, asked the City Council to consider naming the street in front of the new high school "Indian Territory."

That would make the high school's address 1 Indian Territory. Buhl's team nickname is the Indians.

Schofield cited examples of other schools in the state that have addresses named after their school lions.

"(It would be neat to have an address that reflects our mascot," Schofield said. City Council members approved the street name, then joked among themselves whether any middle school officials would follow suit with a similar request.

The council delayed acting on a request by Family Health Services, a nonprofit organization that offers medical services to low-income families.

The organization asked council members to donate space on the city's cellular tower to Family Health Services to further integrate wireless technology into its network.

A decision is pending further information. The next City Council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. May 9 in City Hall.

Eden residents will vote on closing time for bars

By Dede Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

EDEN — Voters in Eden will decide the closing times of their local watering holes.

The Eden City Council voted unanimously Monday to hold a special election in late May or early June to put the issue on the ballot.

"This is not a county or state issue — it is a city issue," said Mayor Larry Craig. "Many people feel we're wrong when we allowed bars to stay open till 2 a.m. without a public hearing."

Craig said most of the people

he's talked with want bars to close at 1 a.m.

"I've given the question to the people. It will be a vote of the people," Councilman Bill Scates said.

Noise complaints have persisted since the Eden City Council relaxed closing rules in December 2003 to allow bars to remain open until 2 a.m.

"When the ordinance was passed, the council minutes say if there were problems the time would go back to 1 a.m.," City Clerk Edith Utt said.

Utt said its top line to get the issue on the May 17 ballot, but

she hopes to get started on the paperwork so it can be held as a special election in late May or sometime in June.

Until the election occurs, bars will continue to remain open until 2 a.m., Craig said.

Although The Song Lounge owner Suzie Harper said music is turned down at the bar at 1 or 1:30 a.m., several people complained Monday that noise from the bar continues until as late as 4 a.m., disturbing neighbors' sleep and causing dogs to bark.

Others complained that after the bar closes, cars speed

through town.

Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver told the council that one person had been arrested for impaired driving after leaving the bar in the past month.

That person's blood-alcohol level was three times more than the legal limit, Weaver said.

A sheriff's patrol car has been parked at various spots around Eden to slow down traffic, Weaver said.

When the Eden bars close, there are usually two or three deputies in the area to keep the streets from turning into race-

Public may wait to see hospital proposal

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — County commissioners want to see a proposal on the table before hospital officials take their merger plan to the public.

Officials of the two hospitals are planning public forums in which guest speakers will discuss the structuring of health systems — systems much like the statewide health care network the new county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the Boise-based nonprofit St. Luke's Regional Medical Center want to create.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center wants to merge with St. Luke's to create a statewide health system that would also include St. Luke's facilities in Boise, Meridian and Ketchum and its Mountain States Tumor Institute, which operates out of several locations, including Magic Valley Regional.

Commissioner Tom Mikesell said discussing a proposal that's not even finished is like putting the cart before the horse or the chicken before the egg.

"Why are we talking about structures before a proposal is on the table?" Mikesell asked Jeff Harris, a member of a committee to gather a merger proposal, and Larry Slinger, a consultant working for the two hospitals.

"I look at this as a way to confuse the public, which is the opposite of what we want to do," Mikesell added.

Harris and Slinger met with commissioners Tuesday to give them an update on the progress of the proposal committee.

Commissioners have been holding community meetings of their own to find out what people want from their local hospital.

Commissioner Gary Grindstaff said the community meetings should be about hearing what people want, not pushing one particular proposal.

"Hospital people keep leaning toward a proposal," Grindstaff said. "There isn't one yet. Community education is very good as long as it's not leaning toward what you want."

"We don't want you going out and selling your angles before we've seen it first," Grindstaff added.

Grindstaff has said that commissioners have given the proposal a lot of serious consideration, but they intend to look at proposals from other health care networks as well.

County Prosecutor Grant Loeb said talking about one specific plan with the public at this point would defeat the purpose of the meetings.

The public holds a decision has been made before they give their input, why would they show up to give their input?" Loeb asked.

Singer said the proposal is expected to be completed by July 28. Meanwhile, Joe Lupica and David Whelan, consultants hired by county commissioners to advise them on the governance question, asked for more data from the hospital so they could finish researching just where the hospital stands financially.

"We can't make a decision until we've seen the data and a transaction, we must understand a need for the transaction," Mikesell said.

The proposal committee will continue to give commissioners regular updates on the committee's progress.

By Idaho law, commissioners can approve a merger with a nonprofit health care system without voter approval. However, it's likely the question will go to voters anyway.

"That's always been my intention," Grindstaff said.

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Albert Saul Klausner

RUPERT — Albert Saul Klausner, a 60-year-old resident of Rupert, has returned home to live with his Heavenly Father. Saul passed away on Saturday, April 9, 2005, at his home.

He was born Aug. 28, 1944, in Rupert, the son of Albert and Pearl Ella Lowder Klausner. Saul attended schools in Burley, graduating with the class of 1962.

Following graduation, his life was enriched with careers in real estate, the electrical industry and trucking.

His hobbies included dancing, rock hunting, fishing, golfing and his pinocchio club. Saul was continually challenging himself with knowledge and was an avid



student and reader. He studied foreign languages and recently traveled to China, the Philippines and Mexico. Earlier in his life, he traveled to Ger-

many. He loved people and had a tender heart.

Saul was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He is survived by his loving family, a son, Erik (Kathrine) Klausner of Salt Lake City, Utah; his beloved mother, Pearl Klausner of Burley; and two sisters, Donna (Larry) Meade of Heyburn and Tonia (Harold) Polesen of Burley.

He was preceded in death by his father and his younger brother, Larry Dean Klausner.

At his request, he will be cremated. A memorial service celebrating Saul's life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 14, 2005, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Ernest Martin Steelsmith Sr.

BOISE — Ernest Martin Steelsmith Sr. of Boise, Idaho, died April 11, 2005, at the age of 83.

Ernie was born Aug. 10, 1911, at Sheridan, Id., to Jacob M. and Ida Belle (Padgett) Steelsmith. While he was a small child, the family moved to Kimberly, Idaho. Ernie grew up and graduated from Kimberly High School in 1929.

After high school, he attended the Kansas State Agricultural College in Manhattan, Kan., and later Santa Monica Junior College in Santa Monica, Calif.

He held various jobs prior to entering military service in World War II. Including becoming a licensed mortician, working in funeral homes in Burley, Gooding and Mountain Home, Idaho.

In March 1936 he married Cassida "Cassie" Wright in Burley, Idaho. She died in December 1980. He later married Beatrice "Bet" Shepherd in August 1986. She preceded him in death in February 1999.

Ernie served several years in the Idaho National Guard then entered the Army of the United States in September 1941 at the beginning of World War II. He served in the Pacific Theater in Australia and New Guinea before receiving a honorable discharge in 1945 with the rank of major.

Upon release from military



duty he returned to Burley, where he owned and operated the Rupert-Burley Credit Association and Collection Bureau. In 1951 he moved to Boise, Idaho, to become credit manager of the Sawtooth Company. In April 1960 he began work in the Payroll Division of the Idaho State Auditors Office in Boise. He retired from that position in 1976.

He was a member of American Legion Post #17 and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows #118 at Burley, Idaho. For 53 years, he was a member of Red Rock Christian Church in Boise, where he served over the years as Elder, Teacher, Board Chairman and Chairman of many committees. Ernie loved to travel and visit-

ed much of the United States.

Survivors include a daughter, Josephine Willmott and her husband, John, of Caldwell, Idaho; a son, Ernest M. Steelsmith Jr. and his wife, Ruth, of Nampa, Idaho; a daughter, Judith Weyenberg and her husband, Bruce, of Grangeville, Idaho; a daughter, David Steelsmith and his wife, Kim, of Eatonville, Wash.; a daughter, Mary Steelsmith Lee and her husband, Steve, of Los Angeles, Calif.; two stepchildren and their spouses, Howard and Bonnie Shepherd of Clackamas, Ore., and Janis and Loyd Engleholm of Boise, Idaho; 23 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters.

Burial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2005, at Dry Creek Cemetery, followed at 11 a.m. by a memorial service at Red Rock Christian Church, 1124 S. Roosevelt St., Boise. Friends are invited to attend both services.

Grangeville, Idaho will greet friends at a visitation from 6 until 8 p.m. at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, 5400 Fairview Ave.

Memorials may be made to the Red Rock Christian Church Building Fund, 1124 S. Roosevelt St., Boise, ID 83705 or your favorite charity.

William C. Henderson

TWIN FALLS — William C. Henderson, 56, of Twin Falls, passed away Saturday, April 9, 2005, at home surrounded by his family.

Bill was born May 25, 1948, in Porterville, Calif., the son of William and Doree Griffiths Henderson. Bill started his career in avionics at Lockheed Martin in Palmdale, Calif., in 1967, where he was employed as a mechanic and quickly worked his way up into management. On Sept. 25, 1975, he married Vickie Bowles in Las Vegas, Nev. Before leaving Palmdale he worked for Rockwell International for two years as a supervisor. In 1984 he moved to become plant manager at Tele Dyne Ryan Aeronautical in San Diego, Calif. He retired from the aircraft industry in 1987 due to a medical condition.

He is survived by his wife of



29 years, Vickie; one daughter, Tamara Marie (Jeffrey) Harp of Twin Falls; four sons, William (Landle) Pendleton-Henderson, James Michael Henderson, David Wayne Henderson and William Joseph Henderson all of Twin

Falls; his mother, Doree Henderson of Hawthorne, Nev.; sisters, Diana (Raymond) Diaz of Santa Monica, Calif., Barbara (Jerry) Musick of Albion, Texas, and JoAnn (Greg) McDonald of Yerington, Nev.; 12 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Fay Henderson in 1999 and his younger brother, Larry Henderson in 2003. He was a friend to all he met, always lending a helping hand to anyone he could. He will be truly missed by his family and friends.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 15, 2005, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. A viewing will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the mortuary.

Sarah Martsch

RUPERT — Sarah Martsch, an 83-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at Rosetta Assisted Living in Burley.

Sarah was born in Lamar, Colo., the daughter of David and Della Mae Wilson. She attended school in the Mini-Cassia area, graduating from Burley High School. She married Rudolph Martsch on Nov. 17, 1940. He passed away prematurely from a farming accident in April of 1942. She then married Paul Martsch on Jan. 20, 1946, in Paul, Idaho. They raised their family on a farm west of Paul, Idaho. When Paul retired they moved to Rupert. Sarah worked for JC Penney for 20 years and retired in May of 1988. She continued to stay in contact with those she worked with by attending luncheons with the JC Penney retired employees.

She really enjoyed being with her friends. She also loved to cook and was an avid housekeeper. She was very devoted to her family and loved to get together with her broth-



ers and sisters at family gatherings. She cared for her mother until her passing and she was an excellent grandmother.

Sarah is survived by her three daughters, Judy Albertson of Burley, Carol Martsch of Mesa, Ariz., and Janet Martsch of Portland, Ore.; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; five brothers, Ruben (JoAnn)

Weimer of Rupert, Edward (May Lee) Weimer of Ocean View, Don (Pat) Weimer of Heyburn, John (Wynne) Weimer of Paul and James (Glenda) Weimer of McCammon, Idaho; four sisters, Leah Jones of Rupert, Jane Clark of Twin Falls, Lorraine Weimer of Twin Falls and Ruth (Dick) Scheels of Fort Worth, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Rudolph and Paul; her parents; one brother, Harry; and one sister, Pauline. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 15, 2005, at Sunset Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 5th St. with Paul Gilley officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday evening at the mortuary and come here prior to the service on Friday.

The family would like to thank the caregivers at Rosetta Assisted Living for the care and kindness they gave to their mother.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

OBITUARY

Jerry Alexander



Vernessa (Doug) Loungfellow, Eric Wyatt, Paul Miller, Richard Miller and Billy Miller; four

great-grandchildren, Bryce, Brooke, Ashlyn Martin and Joseph Elliott. He is also survived by one brother, David Alexander, San Diego, Calif.; two sisters, Linda (Jerry) Wynn and Kathi Ring; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Elmer and Velda Alexander.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations, in memory of Jerry, be made to Idaho Health and Hospice.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 15, 2005, at the Burli First Christian Church, with Pastor Art Freund officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 2005, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, Burli.

DEATH NOTICES

Carmen Hartwell Wheeler

KUNA — Carmen Hartwell Wheeler, 81, of Kuna, formerly of Gooding, died Monday, April 11, 2005, at home.

A graveside service will be held at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whitlir, Calif.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Bowman Funeral, Garden City.

James C. Paradi

GOODING — James C. Paradi, 78, of Gooding, Idaho, died Monday, April 11, 2005, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital, in Gooding.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 14,

2005, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Services are under the direction of Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Roger Lee Loveless

WENDELL — Roger Lee Loveless, age 64, of Wendell, died Monday, April 11, 2005, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital. Arrangements will be made by Demary's Wendell Chapel.

Norma Alice Moyle

BURLEY — Norma Alice Moyle, a 93-year-old Burley resident, died Monday, April 11, 2005, at the Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 16, 2005, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-

Thelma Luella Scarborough

JEROME — Thelma Luella Scarborough, 88, died April 11, 2005, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be made by Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

Governor signs bills in Burley

By Renee Wells
For The Times-News

BURLEY — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne took a giant step across the Snake River on Tuesday signing a House bill that will pave the way for Cassia and Minidoka counties to pioneer the first intermodal commerce authority in Idaho.

The governor also signed nine other bills in Burley including three major water laws, but it was House Bill 376 that drew most of the 60 or so people who showed up at the city's golf course for the ceremonial event.

The last-minute legislation amended the intermodal commerce authority statute to allow communities to set up land-based port authorities.

It paves the way for the community to set up an authority committee, something economic developers in Cassia and Minidoka counties had been working on for months.

"Representative Scott Bedke is the champion of this bill,"

Kempthorne said. When Idaho's bonding counselors put up a red flag over the community's efforts to get the Mini-Cassia Commerce Authority up last month, Bedke inserted a one-word amendment into last year's legislation and, with Sen. Deane Cameron's help in the Senate, pushed the bill through.

Members of the Mini-Cassia Commerce Authority organizational team watched over Kempthorne's shoulder as he signed the bill.

They applauded when the governor praised the communities for coming together to pioneer what local officials say will be a boon to economic development.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Deadline to run for school boards approaches

By Karin Kowalski
Times-Herald writer

TWIN FALLS — People seeking more active roles in education have the chance to get involved. Seats are available on school boards around south central Idaho.

School districts will hold elections May 17. As long as two people run for a seat, there will be an election. If only one person applies, state law allows school boards to waive elections. Potential candidates must live in the school board zone and pick up applications at district offices. Candidates also must gather signatures from five registered voters in their zone. Most terms are for three years. The deadline to file with school district clerks is 5 p.m. Friday. For more information, contact individual school districts. Here are the candidates so far:

■ Twin Falls

• Positions open: Zone 2 (southwest Twin Falls), Zone 5 (southeast Twin Falls)
• Incumbents, running: Mike McKinney, no; Chad Haler, no.
• Candidates: None.

■ Blaine County

• Positions open: Zone 5 (East Fork area and east of Idaho Highway 75)
• Incumbents, running: Julie Dahlgren, yes.
• Candidates: None.

■ Bliss

• Positions open: Zone 2 (south of River Road), Zone 4 (north of Bliss), Zone 5 (southeast Bliss)
• Incumbents, running: Zone 2, unknown; Tom Faulstich, yes.
• Candidates: None.

■ Buhl

• Positions open: Zone 1 (northwest of city), Zone 2 (southeast of city)
• Incumbents, running: Ken McDonald, yes; unknown.
• Candidates: None.

■ Camas County

• Positions open: Zone 4 (Fairfield), Zone 5 (east end)
• Incumbents, running: Unknown.
• Candidates: None.

■ Cassia County

• Positions open: Zone 5 (includes Deco area)
• Incumbents, running: Gary Harper, no.
• Candidates: None.

■ Castleford

• Positions open: Zone 1 (north side of city), Zone 2 (east of city going north)
• Incumbents, running: Troy Schaub, yes; David Smith, no.
• Candidates: None.

■ Dietrich

• Positions open: Zone 2 (south from city between 550 E and 650 E), Zone 4 (south from city between 750 E and 850 E)
• Incumbents, running: Wendy Auld, no; known; Jarrett Porter, unknown.
• Candidates: None.

■ Filer

• Positions open: Zone 3 (central part of district), Zone 5 (south of district)
• Incumbents, running: Shirley Galey, yes; no incumbent.
• Candidates: None.

■ Glenn Ferry

• Positions open: Zone 1 (King Hill area), Zone 4 (west side of Glenn Ferry), Zone 5 (east side of Glenn Ferry)
• Incumbents, running: Wayne Presnell, yes; Jack Strum, yes; Jayne Self, yes.
• Candidates: None.

■ Gooding

• Positions open: Zone 1 (north of railroad tracks), Zone 3 (inside city of Gooding)
• Incumbents, running: Zone 2, unknown; Mary Gooch, yes.
• Candidates: None.

■ Hagerman

• Positions open: Zone 1 (north and east of city), Zone 4 (southwest of city)
• Incumbents, running: Zone 1, unknown; Mark Hensley, yes.
• Candidates: None.

■ Hansen

• Positions open: Zone 4 (around the city), Zone 5 (outside of city from 3200 North to 2200 North)
• Incumbents, running: Unknown.
• Candidates: None.

■ Jerome

• Positions open: Zone 1* (northwest part of city and county), Zone 3 (center of city and county), Zone 4 (northeast part of city and county)
• Incumbents, running: Unknown.
• Candidates: None.

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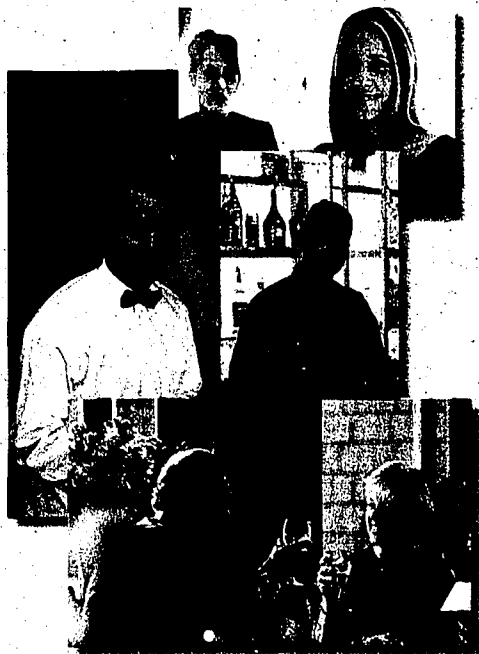
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Wine 101

INFORMATION FOR THE NOVICE

Wine can be a complicated subject, and I am in no way an expert. That's why I wanted to write an article for folks like me who might enjoy a glass of wine once in a while and know what flavors they like, but have no idea how to use a bottle to its best advantage.

My closest relationship with a truly good wine came many years ago. My husband gave me a pair of beautiful champagne flutes and a bottle of Dom Perignon for Christmas. It was such a thoughtful gift. I loved champagne and had always heard Dom Perignon was one of the best—and very expensive. We were on a beer budget, so this was way cool.

Well, all of the gifts were opened and it was time to make a toast. The cork was popped and the first effervescent liquid spilled into the flutes. I was the first to put my lips to the glass and partake. What happened next was unthinkable. My mouth screwed into a very unattractive position and my eyes began to water. One more sip confirmed it. We were enjoying the taste of a very expensive bottle of vinegar.

Whether it was caused by the way it had been stored at home, hidden lovingly in the back of a closet, or was purchased that way we'll never know. Somewhere along the line, air had gotten into the wine.

So, many years later, I am a bit more knowledgeable about wine, but have still not tasted Dom Perignon.

Someone who takes the time to savor wine can pick out dozens of flavors. Retailers will sometimes place cards next to some bottles, explaining what flavors you will find in that particular wine.

There are fruity, earthy, woody, nutty and toasty flavors. You may find the aroma of oak, flowers or chocolate. These flavors aren't added. They appear naturally from variations of grapes, climate, soil, fermentation, stirring and how and where the wine is aged.

Wine and spice combinations

Wine is not only for drinking but for using in recipes. There are no more "red wine with beef, white wine with fish" rules. It is about the way the cooking is done, the spices and sauces used, and your taste buds.

The list below gives you suggestions on which spices or herbs to mix with which wine. Experiment for yourself.

- Basil: merlot
- Bay leaf: cabernet sauvignon
- Black pepper: Gewurztraminer, sauvignon blanc, zinfandel
- Chives: pinot gris
- Cinnamon: pinot noir
- Clove: chardonnay, chenin blanc, Riesling, zinfandel
- Cumin: semillon
- Curry: Gewurztraminer
- Dill: chenin blanc, Riesling, semillon
- Fennel: pinot gris
- Garlic: sauvignon blanc
- Ginger: chardonnay, Riesling
- Juniper: syrah
- Lemon thyme: semillon
- Mint: Gewurztraminer, pinot noir
- Mustard: chardonnay
- Nutmeg: cabernet sauvignon, chenin blanc, merlot
- Orange: pinot gris
- Oregano: merlot, sauvignon blanc
- Parsley: cabernet sauvignon, chenin blanc
- Rosemary: syrah
- Sage: chardonnay, pinot noir, Riesling
- Tarragon: syrah, zinfandel
- Thyme: pinot gris, zinfandel
- White pepper: syrah

Wine and food pairings

Every person's sense of taste is different. In general, each person should decide for him or herself what combinations of wine and food taste good.

Typically you want to drink light to dark, just as you would prepare a meal, with appetizers and salads before the main course.

Here are a few suggestions of wine and food combinations.

White wines

- Mild cheese: chenin blanc, Gewurztraminer, dry Riesling, sauvignon blanc, white Riesling
- Strong cheese: chenin blanc, dry Riesling, sauvignon blanc, chardonnay
- Appetizers: chenin blanc, dry Riesling, sauvignon blanc, chardonnay
- Oysters: sauvignon blanc, chardonnay
- Shrimp, crab, lobster: chenin blanc, dry Riesling, sauvignon blanc
- Shellfish: chenin blanc, sauvignon blanc
- Seafood with light sauce: dry Riesling, sauvignon blanc, chardonnay
- Seafood with cream sauce: chardonnay
- Grilled fish: dry Riesling, sauvignon blanc, chardonnay
- Pasta with cream sauce: sauvignon blanc
- Asian food: chenin blanc, Gewurztraminer, dry Riesling
- Poultry: chenin blanc, Gewurztraminer, dry Riesling, sauvignon blanc, chardonnay
- Pork: Gewurztraminer, dry Riesling, chardonnay
- Chocolate: white Riesling

Red wines

- Strong cheese: Beaujolais, pinot noir, merlot, cabernet, zinfandel, port
- Appetizers: Beaujolais
- Pasta with red sauce: Beaujolais, pinot noir, merlot, cabernet, zinfandel
- Poultry: Beaujolais
- Pork: Beaujolais, pinot noir
- Beef: pinot noir, merlot, cabernet, zinfandel
- Chocolate: merlot, cabernet, port

Sparkling wines

- Mild cheese: extra dry, brut, blanc de blanc
- Strong cheese: extra dry, brut, blanc de blanc, blanc de noir
- Appetizers: extra dry, brut, blanc de blanc, blanc de noir
- Shrimp, crab, lobster: brut, blanc de blanc, blanc de noir
- Shellfish: brut, blanc de blanc, blanc de noir
- Seafood with light sauce: brut, blanc de blanc, blanc de noir
- Asian food: extra dry, brut, blanc de blanc
- Poultry: extra dry, brut, blanc de blanc, blanc de noir
- Fruit/dessert: extra dry, brut, blanc de blanc, blanc de noir

Source: wine.about.com

Storing and serving wine

When you bring that bottle of wine home and plan to use it within a short amount of time, the closest you can duplicate long-term storage, the better.

These four rules apply

● Keep the cork moist, so lay table wine on its side. Fortified wines can stand. A relatively high humidity, 70 percent to 75 percent, will help keep the cork moist. A dry cork will allow air to seep into the wine, allowing it to turn to vinegar.

● Keep the wine temperature between 50 and 55 degrees.

● The location must be free of vibration. Keeping wine on a wine rack on top of the fridge is NOT the way to keep your wine drinkable. The temperature is too hot and the opening and closing of the door wreaks havoc.

● Keep the wine away from light. A dark closet works well.

The best temperature for serving wine varies based on the type of wine. In general, we tend to drink our white wines too cold and our red wines too warm in the United States.

Most people have heard that red wines should be served at room temperature and whites should be chilled. Those recommendations were made generally in reference to the storage temperatures and the fact that when they were made, room temperatures were lower than they are today.

As a rule, full-bodied and tannic red wines are best enjoyed at not more than 64 degrees and clarets, pinot noirs and young reds progressively down to 54 degrees.

Whites are ideally served between 43 degrees and 52 degrees. Error on the cool side with both red and white as they will warm quickly on the table and in the glass.

NUTRITION FACTS

Wine

Serving: 3.5 oz.	Calories	Cholesterol (g)	Total fat (g)	Total carbohydrate (g)	Sodium (mg)
Table red	74	11	78	15.0	9.6
Table rose	72	1.4	102	9.6	5
Table white	70	82	82	9.6	5
Sweet dessert	165	14	95	15.8	9
Champagne (4 oz)	85	2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Marsala	122	5	n.a.	n.a.	10.5
Port	160	9	n.a.	n.a.	10.5
Cooking (1 oz.)	14	1.8	28	1.0	182

Source: USDA

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FOOD & HOME

Keep your Easter lily going strong

So how's your Easter lily doing? Some of the blooms have probably dropped by now. Cut those off. You might want to snip off the yellow anthers before they shed pollen all over her white petals, too.

Once the flowers have all faded and been cut away you can keep Lily around for quite some time. Forever, if you like. Easter lilies like moderately moist, well-drained soil. Water them thoroughly when the top of the soil feels dry. Use a fertilizer with a 19-6-12 ratio. Let it drain and set the plant in a dry saucer. You did remove that dry sleeve when you brought it home, didn't you? If not, there's no time like the present. Toss that foil or plastic sleeve. Otherwise, it will trap the water that drained out of the bottom of the pot and cause root rot. Roots need air. Let them have some. Back to keeping our Lily forever.

When all danger of frost has passed set Lily outside in a sunny spot. When you feel like digging, pick a well-drained, sunny location. Lily likes her roots in shade and her head in the sun. Like a dandelion. So if you planted her next to a low spreading juniper, she'd be quite happy there.

Plant Lily three inches deep and mound up another three inches of soil over her. Bulbs should be planted 12 to 18 inches apart. Be sure you spread out her roots and crumble the soil all around so there are no air pockets. Water everything in immediately.

Like all bulb plants, Lily's leaves will die back. Cut the stems back to ground level. You'll soon see new growth. It wasn't Lily's idea to bloom at Easter, you see. Growers forced her to get beautiful well before her natural bloom time of June and July. If you get her outside she might even bloom again this summer. Next summer for sure. Lilies are incredibly hardy, but they do like a little mulch in winter. A few inches of pine needles.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

bark, leaves or straw would help out through those tough times. Come spring, brush away like much so her shoots can come back up. She'll give you yet another glorious bloom time — in summer, not Easter.

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— SYRINGA
DEAR SYRINGA: What we usually refer to as mock orange is a relative of lilacs (syringas), which bloom on the wood formed last year. So if you cut back your mock orange—or lilac—just after blooming, you can tell what you're doing.

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Builders' goal: Save energy, bucks

The Orlando Sentinel

New voluntary guidelines have been devised to help builders put more environmental practices into their homes while keeping the homes affordable.

Building energy efficiency into homes often has been considered a practice for high-end, not average-priced, homes. So this information should help encourage the use of energy-efficient home-building strategies in more new homes.

The guidelines, announced last month during the International Builders' Show in Orlando, Fla., are designed to help builders identify strategies in such areas as indoor environmental quality; site planning; resource, energy and water efficiency; and other key areas that affect the costs of living in a home as well as the indoor comfort level.

Most homes built today far exceed the energy-saving goals of homes built 25 or more years ago. But many of the building techniques and available products have been used only in more expensive custom homes. Builders have thought that such features would price some customers out of the market.

The trade association's new guidelines make it easy for a builder to become aware of strategies that can economically be added to homes at all price levels.

Among the topics covered are

using framing techniques and home designs that make the best use of available building materials; and planning the home's effect on vegetation, water and other features of the location before it is built. Another topic is installing energy-efficient appliances, heating and cooling systems and other features that will help the buyer save money on utility bills while enjoying a more comfortable home.

Especially impressive is the section on water efficiency and conservation, because decreasing water use indoors and out not only lowers water bills but also can have a huge effect on the community and the environment.

Water-efficiency strategies for builders to consider include using Energy Star dishwashers and washing machines, ultra-low-flow toilets and water-efficient sink faucets and aerators. Using low-volume irrigation systems and reusing rainwater and gray water, as allowed by

local codes, also are mentioned. Many builders haven't made energy efficiency much of a priority in their homes, usually citing that customers don't want to pay for it (a debatable point, but one that is valid in many cases). The national trade group is helping to show builders that there are many things they can do that don't cost much extra—or anything extra at all—that can make a home much more efficient and desirable.

Some points are fairly straightforward, such as reducing air infiltration by using a sealer between the foundation and the sill plate and caulking the bottom plate of exterior walls.

These guidelines are one more step toward getting builders to make their homes more energy and water efficient. The real key, though, remains the buyer, who needs to make sure the builder is aware of such strategies and is using them.

Take a look at your utility bills for the past year, and you'll

quickly realize what a big chunk of your paycheck goes toward these payments. Just as guidelines such as these from the builders group are making builders more knowledgeable, consumers need to become energy savants themselves.

When you're choosing between a big picture window overlooking a lake or a kitchen island stocked with all the work space and storage you've ever wanted, it's easy to see why a lower-rated air conditioner seems like the best economic choice to make. I'm not suggesting you give up what you want to save money on utility costs, but I am urging you to think about the total cost of homeownership and make your decisions with energy use as part of them.

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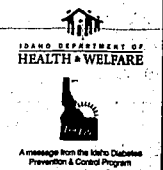
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PAN ROASTED SALMON WITH MINTY SNAP PEAS

Makes 6 servings
2 tbs. minced fresh ginger
3 tbs. soy sauce
3 tbs. balsamic vinegar
6 salmon fillets with skin on (each about 6 oz.)
1 1/2 lbs. snap peas
2 tbs. virgin olive oil
For the mint dressing:
3 tbs. fruity extra-virgin olive oil

2 tbs. lemon juice, or to taste
6 tbs. chopped mint leaves
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper

To make the marinade, mix together ginger, soy sauce and vinegar. Lightly toss the salmon with the marinade in a bowl and let sit at room temperature. Bring 2 quarts of water to a boil in a saucepan and add the snap peas. Cook for 2 minutes, or until crisp-tender. Drain in a colander and refresh in cold water. Drain again and blot dry on paper towels.

Whisk the ingredients for the mint dressing together in a mixing bowl. Add the snap peas and toss lightly to coat. Heat the 2 tablespoons olive oil in a large frying pan over high heat until very hot. Rub the marinade all over the salmon (use your fingers for this, Simmonds says) and place in the pan, skin side down. Partially cover, and fry about 5 to 6 minutes over high heat (depending on the thickness), until the skin is crisp and the salmon meat has started becoming opaque. Carefully flip over with a spatula and cook for another 3 to 4 minutes, or until just cooked. Arrange the salmon on a serving platter and spoon the snap peas around. Serve with a rice pilaf or steamed rice.

GRILLED WHOLE FISH WITH LATHOLEMON (LEMON OLIVE OIL DRESSING)

2-3 servings
Pinch dry mustard
2 threads saffron, crumbled
3 tbs. fresh lemon juice
1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 tbs. olive oil
1/3 cup plus 1 tbs. canola oil
Salt and white pepper
1 (1 1/2- to 2-pound) striped bass or red snapper, scaled, gutted and scored 1/4 inch along the backbone
1 tbs. chopped fresh or 1 tsp. dried oregano
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
2 tbs. capers, drained
Preheat the grill to high and the oven to 350 degrees. In a blender, combine the mustard, saffron and lemon juice for 5 seconds. With the motor running, add both olive oils and canola oil. Season generously with salt and pepper. Transfer 1/4 cup to a bowl for basting, reserving the remaining marinade.
Season the fish with salt and



This photo provided by Knopf shows Pan-Roasted Salmon with Minty Snap Peas, made with a recipe from 'Spices of Life' by Nina Simmonds. You can use other kinds of fish and vegetables to make this recipe, Simmonds says — feel free to vary it.

pepper and brush with 1/4 cup lemon dressing on outside and inside of fish. Place the fish on the grill and cook for 2 minutes on each side. Transfer the fish to a sheet pan. Baste once more with lemon dressing and sprinkle with oregano.

Place in the oven for 12 to 15 minutes, or until just cooked through. Transfer fish to a cutting board. Using a chef's knife, remove the head and tail. Remove each fillet and the backbone. Season fish with salt and pepper and garnish fillets with parsley and capers. Drizzle with 1/4 cup reserved lemon dressing. Per serving: 671 calories (percent of calories from fat, 56), 70 grams protein, 3 grams carbohydrates, 1 gram fiber, 41 grams fat (5 grams saturated), 125 milligrams cholesterol, 232 milligrams sodium.

ASIAN-STYLE SALMON WITH SAUTEED CARROTS AND LEEKS

4 servings
1/4 cup plus 2 tbs. reduced-sodium soy sauce, divided
1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 tbs. Chinese-style mustard
1/2 tsp. five spice powder
4 (4-ounce) skinned salmon fillets
Nonstick cooking spray
2 small carrots, peeled and julienned, or 1 cup shredded carrots
1 leek, white part only, julienned
1 cup reduced-sodium chicken, vegetable broth or water
1 tsp. toasted sesame oil
In a shallow dish, combine 1/4 cup soy sauce, lemon juice, mustard and five-spice powder. Add the salmon. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Turn fillets, re-cover and refrigerate for 30 more minutes.
Meanwhile, coat a skillet, preferably nonstick, with nonstick spray and place over medium heat. Add sesame seeds and saute, stirring constantly, for 1 to 2 minutes, or until golden. Transfer the seeds to a dish and set aside. In the

same skillet, saute the carrots and leek until tender, about 5 minutes. Add broth, 2 tablespoons soy sauce and the sesame oil. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 10 to 15 minutes, or until no liquid remains.

Preheat the broiler. Arrange an oven rack 4 inches from the heat. Broil salmon for 10 minutes per inch thickness of fish, or until fish is just cooked through. The fish will continue to cook once it is removed from the oven. Spoon 1/4 of the leek mixture onto each of 4 plates. Arrange the salmon on the leek mixture and sprinkle with sesame seeds.

Per serving: 281 calories (percent of calories from fat, 42), 30 grams protein, 10 grams carbohydrates, 2 grams fiber, 13 grams fat (2 grams saturated), 71 milligrams cholesterol, 1,269 milligrams sodium.

PICKLED SHRIMP

6-8 servings
1 cup thinly sliced onions
4 bay leaves, crushed
1/3 cup capers, drained and coarsely chopped
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1 cup cider vinegar
1/2 cup olive oil
1 tsp. minced garlic
1 tsp. coarse or kosher salt
1 tsp. celery seeds
1 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
2 lbs. large shrimp, peeled and deveined
In a large bowl, combine onions, bay leaves, capers, lemon juice, vinegar, olive oil, garlic, salt, celery seeds and red pepper flakes. In a stockpot over high heat, bring abundantly salted water to a rolling boil. Add shrimp and cook for 30 seconds, or until just pink. Drain and immediately transfer to marinade. Bring to room temperature, cover tightly and marinate overnight in the refrigerator. When ready to serve, transfer to a serving bowl.
Per serving (based on 7): 188 calories (percent of calories from fat, 49), 22 grams protein, 3 grams carbohydrates, no fiber, 10 grams fat (1 gram saturated), 164 milligrams cholesterol, 821 milligrams sodium.

Where's your seafood from?

There's something about buying seafood that can make even the most confident shopper nervous. Once, that decision boiled down to choosing the freshest fish. A host of other issues have clouded the picture now, from environmental pollutants to sustainability to food safety and antibiotic use.

A new federal seafood-labeling law will make some of those purchasing decisions a bit easier by letting you know more about the fish you buy. This week, supermarkets began labeling fresh and frozen seafood to disclose country of origin and whether it was farmed or wild.

That information can help you decide whether to buy shrimp from the Georgia coast or Thailand, farm-raised salmon from Chile and Alaska salmon. There are a few basics to keep in mind, but many other factors are a matter of preference: taste, cost, farming practices and the seafood's country of origin. Figure out what's important to you, and buy accordingly.

How to buy seafood

- Choose glistening, flawless fish that smells mild and fresh. Avoid strong fish odors or ammonia smells.
- Whole fresh fish should have bright, clear, shiny eyes. Scales should be shiny and cling tightly to the skin. Look for bright pink or red gills.
- Choose steaks and filets that are moist and free of drying or browning around the edges. The flesh should be firm and spring back when pressed.
- Frozen seafood should be free of ice crystals and freezer burn, and show no signs of thawing.
- Don't buy cooked seafood, such as steamed shrimp or crab, if it's displayed in the same case as raw seafood because of the risk of cross-contamination.
- If you want to buy fresh local seafood, learn its seasons. That's tough for something like red snapper, with seasons that may consist of three days here, three days there.
- Soft-shell crab, wild striped bass, tuna and shrimp will be available soon from Atlantic and Gulf Coast waters in nearby states.

How to store seafood

- Put seafood on ice, in the refrigerator or in the freezer, immediately after buying it.
- If seafood will be used within two days, store it in the coldest part of the refrigerator. Allow air to circulate freely around the package. Otherwise, wrap the food tightly to protect it from air leaks and store in the freezer.
- Discard shellfish, such as lobsters, crabs, oysters, clams and mussels, if they die during storage or if the shells crack or break. Live shellfish close up when the shells are tapped.

Source: U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Anne Quatrone

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Simpler is better in the nifty Northlake

The Northlake is a minimalist's dream. This cozy vacation cottage would be at home on a lake, ocean beach, or tucked into a mountain grove.

Slender wooden posts support a gabled entry porch, while perennially charming Craftsman-style windows sparkle across the front. Cedar shingles fill the two front-facing gable ends, both of which are accented by decorative supports.

Abundant natural light spills into the vaulted entry and living room through a transom and clerestory windows. This room has a surprisingly spacious feel. The ceiling line rises up from the front, peaks, then slopes down at the rear. Even the lowest parts of the ceiling are several feet higher than average.

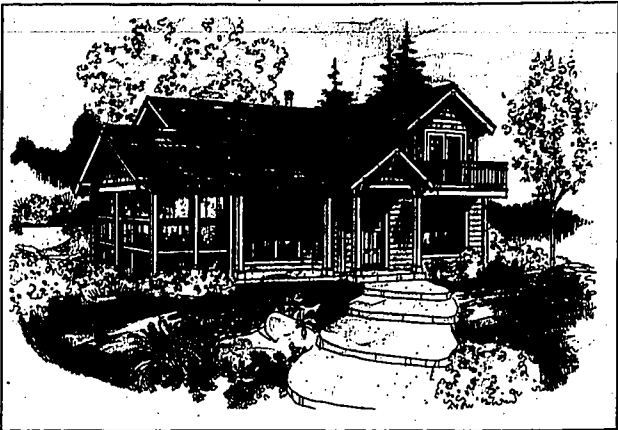
Natural heat emanates from a clean-burning, low-maintenance pellet stove that nestles into a brick-lined alcove by the stairs. The built-in cabinet that fills most of the rear wall has a display area on top. This could serve as shelving for books and games, while housing a home entertainment center as well.

The kitchenette is directly to the right of the entry. Its ceiling is lower, but otherwise this space is totally open to the great room. Cupboards, counters and appliances rim two walls. Twin windows fill half of the third, creating a delightful view from the kitchen table.

Natural heat emanates from a clean-burning, low maintenance pellet stove that nestles into a brick-lined alcove by the stairs.

A combination bathroom/utility room and a storage room fill out the rest of the Northlake's main floor. Washer and dryer are stacked, to maximize space usage. Additional storage is also available under the stairs. Double doors in the vaulted loft upstairs open onto a front-facing balcony with a wooden handrail.

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Vent your central vacuum system indoors

DEAR JIM: I am considering a central vacuum system because of my children's allergies. Should I vent it outdoors even though it will suck air out of the house? Are more powerful models best even though they use more electricity?

-KIM H.



SENSIBLE HOME James Dulley

DEAR KIM: Installing a central vacuum cleaner is probably your best vacuum system option for removing allergens from the room air, even though many of the small, but powerful, canister vacuum cleaners have high quality HEPA filters, the exhaust air will still contain some very fine particles. I have allergies to mold, dust and pollen myself, and I use a central vacuum cleaner most often.

A good quality HEPA canister vacuum still comes in handy though for quick cleaning of small areas. Even with the new lightweight central vacuum hoses, it is still quicker to get out a small canister model. If your primary concern is removing allergens, then venting the central vacuum outdoors is an option, but not necessarily the best. As you mentioned, it will suck much conditioned air from inside your home and this increases your utility bills.

When indoor air is sucked from your home, it is replaced by outdoor air which leaks in through cracks, around windows, etc. If your family is allergic to pollen and other outdoor allergens, the outdoor air which gets drawn indoors may contain more allergens than were in the indoor air initially. With the multistage filtration systems which most central vacuum systems have, indoor venting is usually preferable.

Some of the manufacturers, such as Beam's Serenity Plus, offer units with extra sound-proofing, exhaust filters and mufflers to reduce the noise level indoors. Utility rooms and basements are common indoor



locations for the central power unit. More powerful models have greater cleaning power, so they are generally your best choice if you can afford their higher price. A more powerful one will clean faster and more thoroughly, so the additional amount of electricity used is not great.

If your budget is limited, most dealers have guidelines for the minimum amount of power required for various-sized homes. It is possible to install a central vacuum system yourself, but most people have one installed by the dealer. The systems use PVC piping which is assembled similarly to plastic drainage pipe in your home. In a two-story home such as mine, the

main pipe is run in the corner of a first-floor closet to the second floor. Safe low-voltage wiring is run to each outlet to switch the power unit on when the hose is inserted in the inlet.

MD Manufacturing has an optional electronic control system, Power3, which eliminates the need for the wiring. This simplifies installation, eliminates future broken wire problems and makes it compatible with a fully automated home systems. The following companies offer central vacuum cleaners: Beam (800-359-2828, www.beamvac.com), Electrolux (800-896-9756, www.electroluxusa.com), Eureka (800-282-2886, www.eurereco.com), MD Manu-

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-ANDREWS.

DEAR ANDREW: I don't know of an comprehensive comparison of them because there are so many smaller local manufacturers. But inspect their samples and make a subjective judgment yourself of their quality. Since triple-track storm windows are fairly expensive, it might make more sense to spend a little more and get new replacement windows. They will be more energy efficient overall and certainly look much better than storms.

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Foyers: It's all in the entrance

The Washington Post

Kathy and Bob Pomeroy recently finished an extensive renovation of their 1968 Colonial in Bethesda, Md. They created a large family room off the back of their house, did over the kitchen and dining room, and added a mudroom.

But the space that has captured their hearts is their new foyer.

"I had no idea how much I would use this space," said Kathy Pomeroy of her new, 20-foot-long foyer, which she calls a "gallery-foyer."

"When they first showed it to me, it looked more like a big dining room with a space off it. I couldn't see how it would function. But it works so well for us on so many different levels."

Foyers today are being transformed, builders and remodelers say. The grandiose two-story entrance of the 1980s—that soaring space that tried to scream "I've made it"—is going by the wayside, being replaced by warmer single-story foyers with high ceilings. In new houses, a sweeping staircase that would suit Scarlett O'Hara is often no longer the focal point of the foyer. Instead, builders are incorporating rich detailing, such as crown molding and chair rails, as well as Craftsman-style touches such as benches and little windows. Shiny marble floors have given way to warmer wood and stone.

When homeowners remodel, redoing the foyer is often a small part of a bigger renovation. But remodelers report that homeowners are more interested these days in foyer alterations, even in relatively new houses.

The foyer has an over-sized importance in a house, considering it often is only a small space behind the front door. Because it's the first part of indoors that a guest sees, a foyer makes a statement about the kind of house that lies beyond—and its owners. And for the people who come through the door every day, the foyer can either be a welcoming transition home—or a messy, stressful, hazy one.

"The importance of the foyer is huge," said Sarah Susanka, architect and author of the best-selling "Not So Big" series of books on home design. "I don't think that's an exaggeration. It impacts your experience of the house more than any other space. But we still have a long way to go. Since people don't do a lot of living in that space, they don't think about it as much as they should."

But even new-house foyers aren't the attention-seekers they were a few years back. Now, their appeal is more subtle and functional.

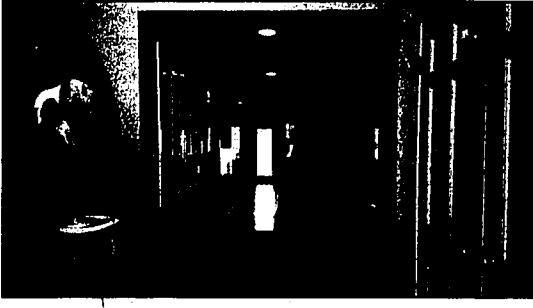
"It's still important for guests to enter the main foyer of the house and think, 'Wow,'" said Jim Pohlhaus, director of product development at builder Winchester Homes of Bethesda.

"But to get that wow factor, it doesn't necessarily need to be two stories anymore. If it is, it doesn't need to be as large as it was in the 1980s. And the stairs aren't the wow factor anymore either. Now, it can be an elegant light fixture and more defined trim."

Josh Baker, president of Bova Builders Inc. in McLean, Va., said moving the big staircase, often to a side wall, can create a more pleasing line of sight in both new and renovated houses.

"At one point, the big staircase was always the focal point of the foyer," Baker said. "It was directly in front of you as you came in, blocking lines of sight. Now that it's typically off to one side, when you enter you can often see straight through the home."

Phil Leibovitz, principal of Sandy Spring Builders LLC in Bethesda, said that as both houses and the lots they sit on have become narrower, that line of sight has become more im-



Kathy Pomeroy, reflected in the mirror, says the enlarged foyer of her family's Bethesda, Md., home has "created a new sense of openness."



Bob and Kathy Pomeroy's Bethesda, Md., foyer before renovation.

The grandiose story entrance of the 1980s is being replaced by warmer single-story foyers with lower ceilings.

portant to give a feeling of depth.

"The focal point becomes the view through the house to a beautiful fireplace in the family room or to a wall of glass with a view to outside," Leibovitz said. That's especially important for a narrow house, but we do it on larger, wider houses, too. People like the idea that you can look through the house. It brings the outside in."

It's that first impression that makes foyers so important.

"It's more of a collection of images and experiences rather than just a room in the house called a foyer," said Mark Richardson, chief executive of Case Design/Remodeling Inc. in Bethesda. "It's much more a first impression than it is a room. It's a product that more and more represents who the homeowner is."

Richardson said that's why a lot of homeowners are moving away from the two-story foyer. "If this is a reflection of you, do you want it to have 20-foot ceilings and be wasteful? Or do you want that first impression to be warm and cozy?"

There's one segment of the housing industry where foyers are actually going away, however.

"In new second homes and resort homes, you increasingly enter straight into the living space," said Boyce Thompson, editorial director of Builder Magazine. "In those kinds of homes, foyers are disappearing altogether."

He explained, "In the informal market, they're trying to save every square foot and turn it into living space."

Creating a pleasing new foyer can be part of a huge facade renovation that includes a new entry, perhaps a porch, maybe more living room space. Or it can be a smaller project, involving a couple walls and a new floor.

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FOOD & HOME

Butter: Elevate it to the sublime

By Emily Green
Los Angeles Times

If Harrods food hall were burning and I could grab only one thing before I ran from the store that has everything, it would be butter. Not milk, not cream, not Somerset Cheddar, not Normandy Brie. Not one of those holds a candle to butter. No other food has anything close to butter's concentrated goodness of clover, alfalfa, rye, dandelions and grass.

Butter has the taste of a flower, but rich. The first bite in a grassy slope on a sunny day, eating cake. It's the distillate of meadow, waiting to be spread across a piece of bread, after which, depending on your mood, it will need a sprinkling of salt or a spoonful of jam. Butter is why dairy farmers farm, chefs cook and this eater eats.

Butter is so good that Catholics give it up during Lent as a show of piety, though on a traditional farm, that is about as big a sacrifice as giving up sunshine at midday. Dairy cows love the milk that provides the cream that they've calved. Traditionally, farmers time breeding so they calve in the spring, and the milk only starts flowing around Easter.

Butter is the best of that milk, the cream of the cream. It's made by skimming cream from milk, cooling it to just below room temperature, then agitating that cream so its most congenial fats, the ones in which all the best milk flavors reside, huddle up in globules as the water buttermilk drains out. These globules are then either salted or left sweet, and churned to a smooth, golden mass.

Butter is the most basic butter. For a nuanced taste, and the potential for improvement in aging, Europeans add a bacterial culture to the cream, so that it ferments slightly before churning. This will digest lactic acids, producing the complex flavors that keep drawing our knives back to the butter.

Dairy technologists will tell you that the difference between European and American butter is merely textural—a question of taste. Indeed, our commodity butters contain the 80 percent fat required by law, and European butters have more like 84 percent to 86 percent. American dairies that do not stint on the fat, such as the organic Straw Family Creamery, routinely label their butter "European style" because of its richness, but the complexity is lacking.

Allison Hooper of Vermont Butter & Cheese dares us to buy any French butter—President, Isigny, Echire—and fall to notice the difference. It will tell you the character, the irresistibility, so lacking in most American dairies. The ingredients panel will list "lactic starter." When Hooper started making cultured butter five years ago, French chefs in New York went nuts for it. "They all said, 'This is what we remember from home,'" she says. Occasionally Vermont Butter & Cheese cultured butter graces

the shelves of West Coast Whole Foods stores. If you see it, buy it. It is superb, and as important as any new American cheese.

But it somehow seems right and proper that the best butter comes from France. French culture is built on it. There are the butter sauces, bearnaise, hollandaise. Butter makes a Wisconsin night gravy sublime. Deglaze a pan with vinegar, add a knob of butter and you have instant sauce. There is butter on noodles, butter dotted on chicken before roasting, anchovy butter with garlic and rosemary packed over a leg of lamb, then roasted with half a bottle of white wine and the juice of a lemon. There is the beautiful butter and ever little ruminants of chicken liver pate.

Nowhere does butter do more glorious service than in French pastries. Imagine a croissant with butter as the second thought, let not. Butterless puff pastry, impossible. Olive oil cake is interesting—once.

Even Americans are roused by butter. All it takes is a mild wafting of a warm piece of toast or a baked potato. Unlike olive oil, which often has green and fiery notes, butter is never scalding. Nothing marries so well with the deep mineral flavors of spinach. The more butter you melt into blanched spinach leaves, the happier the marriage. Too much is a reach.

To test the congeniality of molten butter with new-season vegetables, put out an olive oil vinaigrette with mild olive oil, spring artichokes. Then next to it put out melted butter with salt, cracked black pepper and lemon. Now just watch which bowl will be dunked to dryness the fastest.

And so to the flying pan. Again, butter is the most congenial in its class. Nothing greases a skillet more tantalizingly. The sizzle just caramelizing knob will call a family to the table faster than a dinner bell. It will leave a nutty imprint on the skin of even the blandest white fish. Always prefer butter for sautéing mushrooms. It doesn't compete with their woodiness, just adds rich back notes.

The only danger in sautéing is the latent delicacy of butter. It burns easily compared with oil. Cooking schools have elaborate charts posted around their kitchens listing various smoking points of butter (low), olive oil (medium), peanut oil (high). The time-honored way to protect butter as you heat the pan is to heat a touch of oil, but to pour off the excess, add butter, reduce heat and proceed to sauté for that good butter flavor.

No Indian cookbook is complete without instructions to clarify butter, or cook of the water, to make ghee. This has a higher smoking point and imparts an intense butter flavor, provided that, unlike me, you don't ruin it by browning the butter in the process.

But sometimes browning the butter is the whole point. Chef Nancy Silverton likes playing butter for its full flavor range, from raw to near burnt. She

made Sandwich Night a cult at Campanile in part by packing the prosciutto baguettes with fresh butter—but, in the case of the open-faced sandwich with roasted asparagus, fried egg and cured pork, garnishing it with browned butter.

The most surprising place Silverton uses browned butter is in her pastries. When she wants a caramelized complexity (think gingerbread tang), she might brown the butter and then chill it, before creaming it with sugar and baking powder for her choux. (On the subject of creaming: Silverton recommends ignoring the conventional instruction to sift in baking powder or baking soda with the flour. Rather, mix cream it with the butter, she says. This will ensure that it is distributed more evenly and lessen the chance of that over, concentrated baking soda flavor in your cakes and cookies.)

The downside to butter's equality with other fats is that it is so susceptible to vile influences. If Americans don't appreciate the sublime delicacy of butter, it is not just the fault of bad diets and food technologists but of the funny state of so many of our refrigerators. Butter might go into the fridge as blandness as a spring meadow, but it can come out only hours later redolent of the mold on the rotting berries next to it.

We can do our part by cleaning up our acts and wrapping butter tightly in plastic wrap. However, the current standard packaging of wax paper and paraffin-coated boxes is a century old. If American butter deserves a new start, it will need a new package.

In the meantime, Silverton recommends that we wrap it in plastic and store it in the freezer, grating it as we need it. In France, all butter is sold in aluminum foil.

JEREMIAH TOWER'S
MONTPELLIER BUTTER

Makes 1 2/3 cups
6 spinach leaves, washed
1/2 bunch watercress, stems removed
2 tbs. flat-leaf parsley leaves
2 tbs. chervil leaves
2 tbs. chopped chives
2 tbs. tarragon leaves
2 shallots, peeled and chopped
2 gherkins, chopped
4 anchovy fillets, drained and chopped
2 tbs. capers, drained and chopped
1 garlic clove, peeled and chopped
1/2 tsp. salt

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1/4 tsp. pepper
1/4 tsp. cayenne
1 1/2 cup olive oil, divided
2 hard-boiled egg yolks
2 raw egg yolks
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature
1 tsp. white vinegar

1. Blanch the spinach, watercress leaves, herbs and shallots in boiling water for 1 minute. Drain, refresh under cold water and squeeze to remove excess moisture.

2. Put them in a food processor or blender and add the gherkins, anchovies, capers, garlic, salt, pepper and cayenne. Puree to a smooth paste, adding one-fourth cup olive oil to help the mixture puree. If necessary, then add the egg yolks and the butter, and process again until thoroughly mixed.

3. With the machine running, pour the remaining olive oil in a thin stream. The mixture should be glossy and as smooth as velvet. Add the vinegar and check the seasoning.

Each tablespoon: 112 calories; 1 gram protein; 1 gram carbohydrates; 0 fiber; 12 grams fat; 4 grams saturated fat; 69 milligrams cholesterol; 155 milligrams sodium.

BUTTER TARTS

Serves 40
Tart shells:
1 1/4 cups unbleached white flour

1 tsp. salt
1 tbs. sugar

6 tbs. unsalted butter, well chilled
1 egg, lightly beaten

1. Place the flour, salt and sugar in the bowl of a food processor and pulse a few times to combine. Cut the butter into small pieces and drop them into the flour mixture. Process a few seconds until the mixture resembles coarse meal. (If you don't have a food processor, you may do this using a pastry blender or two forks.)

2. Combine the milk and egg and add to the flour mixture. Pulse 5 times, then process until the dough forms into a large ball. If you do this by hand, make a well in the middle of the flour, add the egg and milk and use a wooden spoon to combine, then knead until smooth.) Wrap the pastry in a cloth or plastic wrap and chill for at least 2 hours.

3. Roll out the dough on a lightly floured board to a one-eighth inch thickness and cut into rounds with a 2 1/4-inch round biscuit cutter. Use scraps to form another ball, roll out again, and cut out more rounds.

4. Push a round into a 2 1/4-inch tart tin, pressing it gently into the bottom and corners. Repeat with the remaining dough, working in batches if necessary. Makes about 40 (2 1/4-inch) tart shells.

Filling and assembly:
6 tbs. butter, melted

1 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup maple syrup
2 eggs
1/4 tsp. salt

2 tsp. mild vinegar, such as Champagne vinegar
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
2/3 cup chopped walnuts
40 unbacked miniature tart shells

1. Heat the oven to 400 degrees. In the bowl of an electric mixer, mix the butter, sugar, maple syrup, eggs, salt, vinegar and vanilla. Stir in the walnuts. Stir the filling again as needed if it separates.

2. Spoon a scant 1 tablespoon of filling into each unbacked tart shell. Reduce the oven temperature to 375 degrees and bake the tarts for approximately 15 to 17 minutes.

Each serving: 97 calories; 1 gram protein; 11 grams carbohydrates; 0 fiber; 5 grams fat; 3 grams saturated fat; 26 milligrams cholesterol; 81 milligrams sodium.

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Old-fashioned cooker has new uses

The Washington Post

Lift the lid off the evolution of the slow cooker and you'll find an unlikely user's mix of old hands and hipsters. Crock-Pots and their competitors have a huge older fan base. But now new cooks are viewing them as the closest thing to cooking without cooking at all.

Both camps have been steadily pushing up sales of the electric appliance for the past 15 years to an all-time high, according to the NPD Group Inc., a consumer marketing research firm. Eleven percent of all households in America fired up their slow cookers at least once in the past two weeks, according to Harry Balzer, NPD Group vice president.

Rival pioneered the Crock-Pot and has since trademarked the name. Now its 5.5-quart, stainless steel, programmable version is No. 8 among Target's top-rated bridal registry items.

The company that makes Rival models now owns 70 percent of the slow-cooker market. But at least seven other firms manufacture countertop alternatives. Plus, there are goiter ones made to look like footbaths and sleek, \$500 numbers sold at wedding table shows. The standard price range is \$20 to \$100.

A few hundred specialty slow-cooker cookbooks are available to add the cook who needs the convenience of a dish that can be prepared in the morning, turned on and unattended fully cooked for dinner. But the slow cooker has earned its knicks over the years because recipes for it have been fudgy, stodgy or just too bland. In so many of them, convenience seems a more obvious selling point than flavor that reflects contemporary tastes.

And so people cry out on Internet message boards for dishes that involve something besides chili and cans of condensed soup. Author Beth Hensperger has come up with viable alternatives in "Not Your Mother's Slow Cooker Cookbook" (Harvard Common Press, co-written with her food journalist friend Julie Kaufmann). The author of the "Bread Bible" and the "Ultimate Rice Cooker Cookbook" tested 800 slow-cooker recipes over three years. She learned to love the electric appliance and its 34-year history.

Hensperger believes America's love of slow cookers stems from enjoyment of the traditional fare that was braised over long, low fires and coal stoves. She and Kaufmann included lots of "really country food" in their book, which has been out in paperback since January. The

recent programmable slow cookers afford the promise of similarly smart coffee makers — waking up to warming smells from the kitchen. She remains keen on overnight oatmeal possibilities.

Many models of 21st-century slow cookers rely on a computer chip that regulates the temperature of a wraparound heating band within the base, which cradles a removable insert where the food is cooked.

Slow cookers are designed for ease of use, but that doesn't mean they are trouble-free. Hot spots — so-called signs of uneven cooking — have largely disappeared, Hensperger found in her research for the book.

ORANGE BLACK BEANS WITH CUMIN

2 to 4 servings
Two 15-ounce cans black beans, rinsed and drained
2 tbs. firmly packed light or dark brown sugar
1 medium shallot, minced
1 stalk celery, minced
1/2 cup orange juice
1/2 cup chicken broth
1/2 tsp. ground cumin
Pinch of ground cinnamon or cardamom
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

For serving:
About 2 cups white rice, cooked
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves
1/2 cup chopped fresh tomatoes
Combine the beans, brown

sugar, shallot, celery, orange juice, broth, cumin and cinnamon in the slow cooker. Cook and cover on high for about 1 1/2 hours.

Season with salt and pepper and serve hot, ladled over rice and garnished with the cilantro and tomatoes.

Per serving (based on 4): 220 calories, 13 gm protein, 40 gm carbohydrates, 2 gm fat, 1 mg cholesterol, 0 gm saturated fat, 757 mg sodium, 12 gm dietary fiber

MEXICAN TURKEY

6 to 8 servings
2 lbs. turkey thighs, skinned
One 8-ounce can tomato sauce

One 4-ounce can chopped roasted green chilis, with their juice
2 medium or 3 small white onions, chopped
2 tbs. Worcestershire sauce
2 tbs. chili powder
Pinch of ground cumin
1 clove garlic, crushed


For serving:
8 large flour tortillas, at room temperature
3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
2/3 cup sour cream
Diced fresh tomatoes
Shredded iceberg lettuce

Put the turkey thighs in the slow cooker. Add the tomato sauce, chilis, onions, Worcestershire, chili powder, cumin and garlic and stir to coat the thighs with the mixture. Cover and cook on high until the turkey is tender, 3 to 3 1/2 hours. Remove the turkey from the

cooker and, once it has cooled a bit, pick the meat off the bones. Shred the meat, return it to the cooker and stir to combine well with the sauce. Spoon the meat and sauce onto a tortilla and roll up. Top with cheese, sour cream, tomatoes and lettuce. Repeat with the remaining tortillas and toppings and serve immediately.

Per serving (based on 8): 307 calories, 21 gm protein, 26 gm carbohydrates, 13 gm fat, 61 mg cholesterol, 6 gm saturated fat, 390 mg sodium, 3 gm dietary fiber

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Try something different with chicken

I think chicken is a lot like zucchini: You can substitute it into a dish, and your mouth thinks the substitute is the real thing. That's the reason everything tastes like chicken.

Strange logic aside, chicken is a handy protein to keep around. Without its skin, chicken is pretty healthy for us, and it still gives us protein boost we need for energy.

Amateur cooks like me can sometimes get stuck in a chicken rut. If you will. For example, chicken is quick and easy, so I often do a garlic-onion-and-chicken stock simmer on the stove. Boring!

I haven't always been this boring with my chicken. I have been known to spice things up a bit. The chicken enchiladas recipe below is one such example. I don't know when I last bought jalapeno peppers, but since I can't remember — it's been too long. It's time I reintroduced my chicken cooking skills to some other spices.

Maybe some of you will go along with me on this mini-journey exploring some different flavors with your chicken. The only thing to lose is a boring dinner.

POULET AUX FINES HERBES

Serves 8

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts

1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened

1 tsp. dried parsley flakes

1/4 tsp. dried oregano, crushed

1/4 tsp. dried fines herbes, crushed

1/4 tsp. dried marjoram, crushed

2 oz. Monterey Jack cheese, cut into 8 strips

1/2 cup fine dry bread crumbs

1/4 cup apple juice

Hot cooked noodles

Place each chicken breast between 2 pieces of clear plastic wrap; pound with a meat mallet to flatten, then remove wrap. In a small bowl, combine butter, parsley flakes, oregano, fines herbes and marjoram. Using half of the herb-butter mixture; dot some on each piece of chicken. Place a strip of cheese on each and roll up tightly, tucking in ends. Melt the remaining herb-butter mixture. Brush over chicken rolls; roll chicken in bread crumbs to coat. Place rolls, seam side down, in a 12-by-7-inch baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 350 for 20 minutes.

Pour the apple juice into the baking dish around the chicken. Drizzle any remaining melted herb-butter mixture over chicken. Bake, uncovered, for 20 to 25 minutes more or until chicken is tender and golden brown. Drain chicken, reserving juices. Serve chicken over hot cooked noodles. Pass reserved juices with chicken. Serves 8.

* Fines herbes is an herb blend usually consisting of parsley, chervil, chives, and tarragon.

—From "BH&G Complete Quick and Easy Cook Book"

CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

Makes 12 enchiladas

1/2 cup chopped onion

Nonstick spray coating

1/2 of an 8-oz. package Neufchatel cream cheese, softened

1 tbs. water

1 tsp. ground cumin

1/4 tsp. black pepper

1/8 tsp. salt

4 cups chopped, cooked chicken

1/4 cup chopped pecans, toasted

12 8-inch flour tortillas

1 can (10 3/4-oz.) reduced-fat condensed cream of chicken soup

1 carton (8-oz.) light sour cream

1 cup skim milk

2 to 4 tbs. finely chopped pickled jalapeno peppers

1/2 cup (2-oz.) shredded re-



VALLEY COOKING
Rebecca Tateoka

'duced-fat sharp cheddar cheese

Snipped fresh cilantro, or parsley

Chopped tomato

In a small covered saucepan

cook onion in a small amount

of boiling water over medium

heat until tender; drain. For en-

chiladas, spray a 3-quart rectangular baking dish with nonstick coating. In a medium mixing bowl, stir together the cream cheese, water, cumin, black pepper, and salt. Stir in cooked onion, chicken, and toasted pecans.

Meanwhile, wrap tortillas in a paper towel. Cook on high for 30 to 60 seconds or until softened. Spoon about 1/4 cup of the chicken mixture onto each tortilla; roll up. Place, seam sides down, in the baking dish.

For sauce, in a medium mixing bowl combine the

condensed soup, sour cream, milk, and jalapeno peppers; pour over enchiladas. Bake the enchiladas, covered, in a 350 degree oven about 40 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle the enchiladas with the cheddar cheese. Bake, uncovered, for 4 to 5 minutes more or until cheese is melted. If desired, top with snipped cilantro or parsley and tomato.

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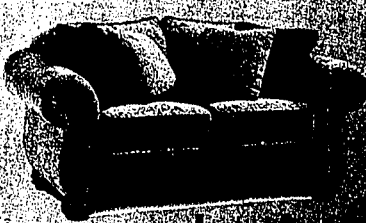
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— Utah jazz coach Jerry Sloan, regarding NBA superstars getting preferential calls from referees.

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QUESTION: Who was the NBA's first black head coach?
...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School
Baseball: Buhl at Twin Falls JV, D.H. 3 p.m.
Golf: 4 & 5 District 4A at Preston, 10 a.m.
Softball: Buhl at Wendell, 4 p.m.
Tennis: Declo at Jerome, 3:30 p.m.
Track and Field: Kimberly, Hagerman, Wendell, Valley, Glenns Ferry, Murtaugh, Buhl, Wood River, Jerome, at Gooding, 3 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Junior high golf meeting is Friday

TWIN FALLS — All junior high school boys and girls interested in trying out for the Junior High School Golf Team should meet at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course at 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 15.

Clear Lake ladies offer member-quest tourney

BUHL — The Clear Lake Country Club ladies will hold a member-quest tournament April 14, starting at 10 a.m. with registration at 9:30.

L-C State coach signs on with Idaho

MOSCOW — Lewis-Clark State College basketball coach George Pfeiffer has joined Leonard Perry's staff at the University of Idaho. U.I. officials announced Tuesday.

In a storied career at Lewis-Clark State College, Pfeiffer compiled a 296-208 record (a winning percentage of .587 percent) over the past six seasons. He was 140-71 (4) and won back-to-back Frontier Conference titles (2004 and 2005) for the first time in school history.

During his tenure, the Warriors qualified for the national NAIA Tournament six times. He is 34-19 in post-season competition. Prior to Pfeiffer taking over as head coach, LCSC had won just one post-season game in school history — and that was in 1947.

The St. Maries, Mont. native set personal and team marks with 286 career victories in 16 seasons and a 31-victory campaign in 2003-04 — both Warrior records.

Golf fund-raiser planned for T.F. Muni

TWIN FALLS — The Second Annual Benefit Golf Tournament for BILLS Place will be held on Saturday, April 30 at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

The tournament will be best ball format with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$35 per person. Sponsor fee is \$100 and four-man teams may be sponsored for \$240.

Prizes will be awarded and there will be a free barbecue at Rock Creek Park at 1 p.m. BILLS Place is a transition home that will house up to eight young men ages 18-21 who need temporary assistance to transition into responsible, independent living.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Bill Russell, who was the Boston Celtics' player-coach from 1966-69. Incidentally, Russell is one of only two players to grab at least 50 rebounds in one game, he grabbed 51 against the Syracuse Nationals on Feb. 8, 1960.

Petersen pitches mini no-hitter in Bruins' 10-0 defeat of Minico

By Eric Larson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Had Tuesday's blue sky opened up a little more, the Twin Falls Bruins might have been able to see the visor-clad softball goddesses widely smiling down upon them.

The Bruins put together such a complete performance in their five-inning, 10-0 win over the Minico Spartans that a little divine intervention may not have been out of the question.

Freshman phenom Amber Petersen threw arguably the best game of her young career, striking out 11 batters through five innings on her way to a no-hitter.

The only blemish? A second-inning walk against left fielder Emily Wyoson on a close 3-2 call.

"She was pretty good today," Bruins head coach Nick Baumer said. "She's been working on her drop ball. Her first couple of outings, people have been hitting it pretty heavy, but she threw it well today and got most of her strikeouts off it."

Petersen got all the run support she needed, as the 11-0 Bruins plated 10 runs in during the bottom of the third. But his right fielder Kin Scruggs led the inning off with a single to left, then advanced to second on an errant Callie Asher throw. Six hits, one walk, and seven runs later, Asher was back on base after being hit by an Amber Warth pitch.

"It was kind of interesting," Baumer said. "Kia came back with us up, seven when they went out and had a mound visit and came to me and said, 'Coach, look what I started.'"

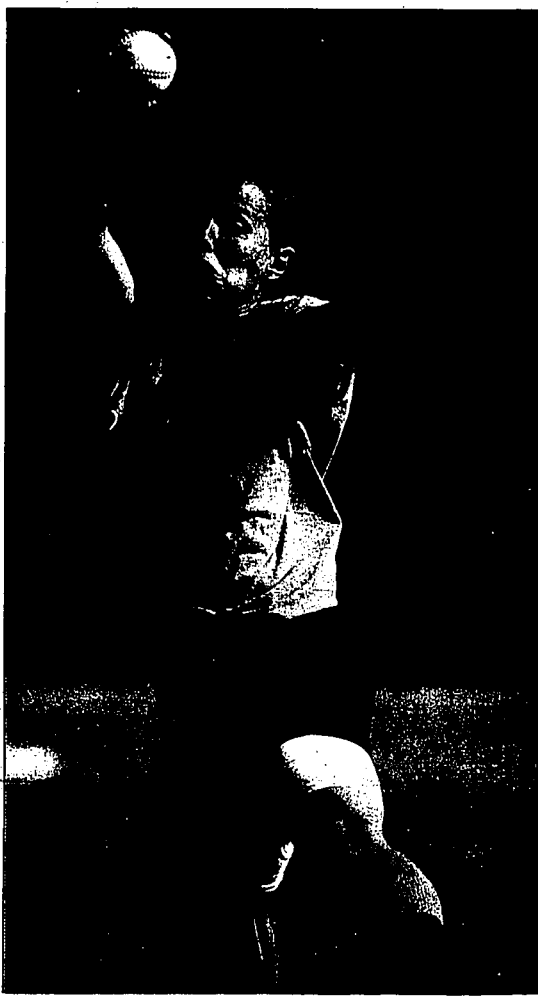
Seniors Kara Gambrel, Jayme Harrison, and Justine Williams did the major damage in the inning. Gambrel plated Shawna Nelson with an RBI double, then later ripped a single to finish 2-for-3 on the day with one run scored.

Williams dealt her own blow with a two-RBI double to plate Gambrel and Petersen before Harrison's double would bring her in.

"We weren't mentally ready for it when we went to their place, but we came out knowing we wanted to beat this team," Harrison said. "It was surprising to get 10 runs in one inning, but once this team gets going, it's really hard to stop us."

Harrison finished 2-for-3 at the plate with a run scored and RBI while Petersen finished 2-for-3 with a run.

"As a freshman, (Petersen) is one of the greatest pitchers I've seen come through Twin," Williams said. "She plays like a senior and thinks like a senior as a freshman. She's all there."



Twin Falls Bruins pitcher Amber Petersen delivers a pitch during her no-hitter against Minico in Twin Falls on Tuesday. The Bruins won, 10-0 in five innings.

The loss drops the Spartans to 4-7 on the year, but it's by no means panic time for a team that sits in a tie atop the Great Basin Conference West standings with the Jerome Tigers heading into Thursday's conference showdown in Jerome.

"Other than the one inning, I felt we played well," coach Jackie Rasmick said. "Hopefully we can learn from this, come back, and play strong against Jerome."

Use this as a positive." Warth had an uncharacteristic off start for the Spartans, as seven of the Bruins' runs were earned.

She gave up 11 hits, walked three, and struck out one in four innings pitched. Aside from catcher Jamie Schmidt, Warth was the only Spartan to make solid contact at the plate off Petersen's pitching, flying out to center twice.

The Bruins enter the stretch run of their season and will host Eagle Saturday for a noon doubleheader.

Twin Falls 10, Minico 0, five innings
00:00 — P 0
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00:00 — R 0
Pitchers: Amber Petersen (Twin Falls) and Emily Wyoson (Minico) — 2-0
Twin Falls: Kara Gambrel, Williams.

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Big closers have slow starts

The Associated Press

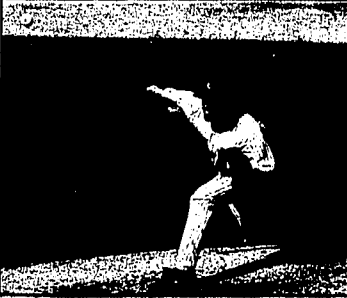
NEW YORK — Mariano Rivera blew two saves against Boston. Keith Foulke goes up a game-ending homer to Derek Jeter.

Cleveland's Bob Wickman wastes a ninth-inning lead against the White Sox, and the very next day Chicago closer Shingo Takatsu gives up three homers in the ninth against the Indians.

"These guys are not going to save every game they pitch," said Colorado manager Clint Hurdle, whose bullpen failed to hold a pair of leads against San Francisco last weekend. "And once there's one chink in your armor, it affects your confidence."

While position players and starting pitchers get into game shape during spring training, closers can really get parallel experience. For them, it's not the innings or pitch count that matters. Their specialty is being able to pitch with no margin for error, needing to get only three outs most of the time.

"There's really no way that you can simulate the regular season," spring training manager Houston coach Brad Lidge said. "Right now, maybe the ball isn't



New York Yankees closer Mariano Rivera delivers a pitch during the ninth inning of the Yankees 8-5 victory over the Orioles, Saturday at Yankee Stadium in New York.

bouncing the right way for Rivera and some of those guys, but over the course of the season it even itself out. My guess is by the middle of the season, people won't even remember."

There were 39 blown saves in 99 games through Monday, ac-

cording to the Elias Sports Bureau, up from 35 in the first 102 games of last year.

Rivera, who converted 53 of 57 save chances last year, has blown four straight against the Red Sox, including two in last.

DeKruyf makes it five straight

By Nathanial Garrabrandt
Times-News writer

GOODING — There are times when experience seems to weigh very lightly against talent. Those times seem to be whenever Magic Valley Christian freshman Zach DeKruyf steps onto a golf course.

He recorded his fifth individual win in as many tournaments this season at the Gooding Country Club on Tuesday.

"He's always working on his game," said Conquerors coach Ken Boer. "He loves golf."

DeKruyf's 1-under-par 70, bested 29 other competitors. His performance included seven birdies and a beautiful drive on the par-3 No. 9 that landed a foot from the pin.

"I was hitting everything real solid and my putts just seemed to fall in," said DeKruyf.

"I just didn't play good," said Oden. "I wasn't hitting my drive."

On the girls side, Jessi Lannister of Wendell carried a 78 to take first by a 26-stroke margin, while Buhl's Courtney Watson

Sports are sometimes tragic, too

The day was picture perfect and so was Augusta National Tiger Woods had just teed off in the final round of a Masters for the ages, and the country tuned in to watch the thrilling outcome amid the brilliantly manicured greens of one of golf's most revered shrines.

About the same time, Al Lucas lay dying on the floor inside Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles.



TIM DAHLBERG

Sports can bring us pleasure and joy, the kind we get from seeing Woods make a magical shot, or watching Pedro Martinez pitch a nine-inning gem, as he did on Sunday in Atlanta.

It can also bring heartache and grief.

Woods had tears in his eyes Sunday night as he accepted the green jacket and dedicated it to his seriously ill father.

About 125 miles away in Macon, Ga., Lucas' family surely was crying, too, over the loss of their son.

Lucas was 26 and trying to make a living in a game he loved when he was fatally injured during what appeared to be a routine kickoff return in the Arena Football League game between the Los Angeles Avengers and New York Dragons.

Before he died, the 6-foot-1, 300-pound lineman was just another athlete playing a fringe version of America's most popular sport. Though he was the top defensive player in Division I-AA his senior season and played for the Carolina Panthers in 2000-01, even the most dedicated Avengers fan would be hard-pressed to tell you who he was.

Sadly, the few moments of fame every athlete craves came posthumously.

His death allowed us to learn a little about his family. His father was a state representative in Georgia and his mother is on Macon's City Council.

We also found out something about Lucas himself from the guys who played with him. They described him as a deeply religious, fun-loving father of a 1-year-old daughter who never missed the team's weekly Bible study session.

It was great to play as he was, I think he was a better person, Avengers coach Ed Hodgkiss said. "He had a great ability and with that ability came leadership."

Lucas' teammates returned to practice the day after he died because, well, that's what players usually do. They mourned among themselves, spoke about their losses and talked of winning in his honor.

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104 edged out teammate Alyssa Welch's 65 for second.

The Declo boys took home the team honors with a 330 cumulative with four out of five players shooting under 90.

"I've got three kids that are usually 80 or under," said Horner's coach Lynn Payne. "But we're still looking for our fourth guy. We just need to be consistent. We just need to improve ourselves and be playing our best golf by the district tournament."

Results

Boys teams — 1 Declo 282, 2 Wendell 245, 3 Magic Valley 230, 4 Buhl 210, 5 Jerome 200, 6 Declo juniors 190, 7 Declo seniors 180, 8 Declo JV 170, 9 Declo Varsity 160, 10 Declo JV 150, 11 Declo JV 140, 12 Declo JV 130, 13 Declo JV 120, 14 Declo JV 110, 15 Declo JV 100, 16 Declo JV 90, 17 Declo JV 80, 18 Declo JV 70, 19 Declo JV 60, 20 Declo JV 50, 21 Declo JV 40, 22 Declo JV 30, 23 Declo JV 20, 24 Declo JV 10, 25 Declo JV 0.

SPORTS

Celtics seize control in the Atlantic

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Paul Pierce scored 27 points, including the go-ahead basket in the final minute, and the Boston Celtics moved closer toward clinching the Atlantic Division title with a 105-98 victory over second-place Philadelphia on Tuesday night.

Allen Iverson scored 28 points and Kyle Korver added 17 for the 76ers, who fell three games behind Boston with five games remaining.

Philadelphia holds the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. The game behind Cleveland and one game ahead of New Jersey.

Antoine Walker had 18 points and Ricky Davis scored 18 in Boston, which gave a 5.5-game lead in the division split to two games since March 19.

Back in the lineup after missing one game with two sprained thumbs, Iverson was 9-for-21 from the field and had 11 assists.

Chris Webber, returning after missing five games with a sprained left shoulder, wasn't a factor, finishing with eight points and seven rebounds.

Pierce broke a 98-91 tie with an 18-footer with just under one minute left. After Marc Jackson missed a short jumper, Gary Payton stole the ball and gave the Celtics a 101-98 lead.

Jackson missed another jumper and Payton fed it with two free throws with 19 seconds left.



Boston Celtics forward Paul Pierce dunks while Philadelphia 76ers guard Kyle Korver watches during the second half Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Walker beat the shot clock with a fallaway baseline jumper that gave Boston a 96-93 lead with 3 minutes left. After Payton stole Iverson's pass, Pierce made two free throws to extend the lead.

But Jackson answered with a jumper and Iverson made a layup off a long pass from Web-

ber to cut it to 98-97. After Pierce missed a layup, Webber made one free throw to tie it at 98. He missed three free throws in the fourth quarter.

The Sixers had won the first three meetings against Boston.

Raptors 105, Knicks 93
NEW YORK — Rafer Alston

banked in a 3-pointer to start a 13-0 run midway through the fourth quarter, and the Toronto Raptors sent the New York Knicks to their 10th loss in 11 games with a 105-93 victory Tuesday night.

Chris Bosh scored 29 points, four shy of his career high, and Jason Richardson added 25 for the Raptors, who trailed by as many as 19 before making a comeback against the uninspired Knicks. The 13-0 run gave Toronto a 91-85 lead, and the Knicks never challenged again before being booed off the court.

Stephen Marbury scored all 22 of his points in the second half, and Maurice Taylor added 17 for the Knicks. New York center Kurt Thomas did not score 28 minutes before fouling out.

The Raptors, who had lost four of their previous five games, exerted more effort than the Knicks over the final 12 minutes as the all-but-meaningless game was decided. Both teams have already been eliminated from postseason contention.

Taylor was 7-for-8 from the field in the second quarter to help New York go ahead 54-35 before Bosh ended the half with a 3-pointer, his third of the season.

Toronto opened the third quarter with a 22-4 run to take a 60-58 lead before Marbury scored his first points of the game on a driving bank shot to tie it at 60 with 4:02 left in the period.

Taylor knocked down three 3-pointers in the first 45 minutes of the fourth quarter to help the Knicks to an 85-78 lead before Alston banked in his momentum-turning 3.

Dodgers eke out win over Giants

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Milton Bradley hit a tying two-run single off Armando Benitez and left fielder Jason Kendall error on the play allowed the winning run to score, giving the Los Angeles Dodgers a 9-8 victory over the San Francisco Giants in their home opener Tuesday.

Benitez (9-1) walked J.D. Drew and Jeff Kent, forcing in a run, before Bradley capped a comeback from an 8-3 deficit. Buddy Carlyle, D.J. Houston and Giovanni Campano (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings each.

Marlins 8, Phillies 2

MIAMI — A.J. Burnett (1-1) allowed eight hits and became the third Florida pitcher to throw a complete game, joining Donnie Willis and Josh Beckett. Burnett was helped by three double plays.

Mike Lowell and Paul DeLuca hit two-run homers off Randy Wolf (0-1), and Miguel Cabrera hit a solo homer and drove in two runs. The Marlins have outscored opponents 34-2 in their first four wins and totaled just six runs in four losses.

Pirates 4, Braves 2

MILWAUKEE — Mark Redman pitched a shutout and a line drive off his right kneecap, and Dayle Ward ended Pittsburgh's homerless streak at 56 innings when he connected off Gary Carter (1-0) in the sixth. Redman (1-0) allowed his first two batters to score but settled down after that, allowing just three more hits — and five overalls — with no walks and five strikeouts in six innings. Jose Mesa got three straight outs for his third save.

Nationals 4, Braves 3

ATLANTA — New Braves closer Dan Kolb (0-7) gave up three runs in the ninth, ruining a strong outing by Tim Lincecum, who allowed six hits in eight innings and left with a 3-1 lead. Cristian Guzman hit a sacrifice fly and Brian Schneider had a two-out, two-run double off Kolb.

Cardinals 5, Reds 1

ST. LOUIS — Jason Marquis (1-0) hit a bases-loaded triple

and pitched into the seventh inning for the Cardinals.

Jim Edmonds and Reggie Sanders hit back-to-back homers in the sixth inning for the Cardinals.

Aaron Harmon (1-1) lasted six innings, giving up five runs on four hits. Four of the hits went for extra bases and two of his three walks came at the start of the second before Marquis pitched.

Padres-Cubs postponed

CHICAGO — Rain caused postponement of Tuesday's game between the San Diego Padres and Chicago Cubs.

The game was rescheduled as part of a doubleheader Wednesday starting at 11:05 a.m. EDT.

American League

Orioles 7, Devil Rays 6

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Sammy Sosa hit his 575th career homer and first for Baltimore, helping the Baltimore Orioles beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 7-6 Tuesday night.

Larry Bigbie broke a 5-5 tie in the eighth with a RBI single off Casey Fegham (0-1).

Twins 5, Tigers 4

MINNEAPOLIS — Shannon Stewart hit an RBI ground-rule double off Troy Percival with one out in the ninth inning to give Minnesota a victory.

It was the first earned run Percival allowed in the sixth, his fourth in the ninth in 40 career innings against the Twins. Before Stewart's hit, Percival was the only active major leaguer with at least 40 innings logged against one opponent with an ERA of zero.

Angels 13, Rangers 8

ARLINGTON, Texas — AL MVP Vladimir Guerrero had two singles and scored three times before leaving with a bruised right knee.

Guerrero was hurt on a double play in the third inning when he slid into third base and then scrambled home after a wild throw by catcher Rod Barajas for a 4-1 lead. He stayed in another inning and got another at-bat, before returning to the dugout.

The Angels said Guerrero is day to day.

Jerome softball sweeps Kimberly

The Times-Herald

JEROME — Jerome's McKenzie Mangum came up with key hits as the Tigers held off Kimberly 4-3 despite giving up 14 hits in Game 1 of the schools' nonconference girls' softball doubleheader Tuesday.

"They got runners on base and then we'd hold them off. McKenzie would get a strikeout or a grounder," said assistant coach Marty Mangum.

Mangum finished with seven strikeouts and two walks.

While Game 1 was a pitchers duel, Game 2 proved to be a slugfest with two inside-the-park home runs by junior catcher Jennifer Bamberg and another by teammate Jennie Dixon.

Jerome (5-4, 2-0 Great Basin West) hosts Montana Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

Local sports

Dani Hansing earned the mound win, allowing six hits over five innings to improve her record to 4-3.

Filer travels to DeClo on Thursday.

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Golf
Valley girls prevail at 93 Golf Ranch

JEROME — Three individuals in the top five helped propel the Filer boys to a team win Tuesday at the 93 Golf Ranch over Hagerman.

Jack Hark of Castleford carded a 70 for individual medalist honors while Cary Farnsworth took second with 77. Hagerman's Michael Billard carded third with an 80 followed by Corey Farnsworth and Isaac Wright of Filer. Garrett Merrill, Hagerman.

The Valley girls prevailed, led by individual medalist Marisa Griffiths, 107 strokes, and third-place finisher Kara Lewis, 110. Any Pierce of Filer took second with a 109.

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Tragic

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Those who knew Becky Zerlenites felt the same way.

She died last week in Denver when she was hit by a punch to the head during a Golden Gloves competition.

Like Lucie's death, it didn't make much sense. She was wearing headgear and didn't seem to be in any trouble when she took that hit in the second round, staggered forward and collapsed in the ring.

We got to know Zerlenites briefly, too, because she was the first woman boxer to die in a sanctioned event. It was partly a case of life imitating art, as in the movie "Million Dollar Baby."

Zerlenites was a 34-year-old college instructor who had a brown belt in judo. She was an organized group worker for charity, rode her bike everywhere, and lived her life to the fullest.

"She was the Energizer Bunny of our campus. She was a turbo woman," said Mary Croissant, who taught with Zerlenites at Front Range Community College. "She had a lot of energy and light in her heart that touched everyone she came in contact with."

Zerlenites and Lucas died competing in sports that are inherently risky. Both athletes are taught to throw their bodies at an opponent, boxers throw every punch with the intent to injure.

Ever, a year or boxer or two somewhere dies from punches to the head, five died in Nevada alone in the past 20 years. Football players are even more at risk, probably because there are so many more of them.

The National Center for Catastrophic Sport Injury Research, which studies these kind of things, reports that five football players died last year from on-field injuries, and another 10 died from football-related activities. Most were high school students.

Since research began in 1931, there have been 1,642 deaths in football, numbers that are scary, and studies show soccer players are more likely to die of heart attacks than non-players.

Sports are supposed to be fun. They're supposed to be a diversion away from the realities of everyday life, and most of the time they are.

No one was going to get hurt at the Masters, unless Woods hit one sideways or Vijay Singh and Phil Mickelson began swinging golf clubs at each other. But sports can turn deadly as the effects of the last few weeks show.

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Closers

Continued from D1
October's AL championship series. Twelve of his 28 blown saves since the start of the 2001 season have been against Boston, and some fans at Yankee Stadium booed him week after his second failure in a row.

Texas closer Francisco Cordero has blown two of four save chances, giving up a homer to Anaheim's Darin Erstad on an 0-2 pitch in the ninth inning of the Rangers' loss Monday. Cordero converted 49 of 54 chances last year and allowed

just one home run.
Mets closer Braden Loper had 29 saves in 34 chances last year, but right now he has to shed memories from his first appearance this year, when he gave up home runs to Adam Dunn and Joe Randa in a 7-6

loss at Cincinnati. Loper's performance cost Pedro Martinez a win in his Mets' debut and started New York on a 0-5 slide.
"I've definitely given up my share of whatever you want to call it," Loper said. "But on opening day, it stinks."

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- Padres at Cubs, WGN, 12:30 p.m.
- Regional coverage, ESPN2, 8 p.m.
- Giants at Dodgers, ESPN2, 8 p.m.

Baseball

- Regional coverage, ESPN, 8 p.m.
- Mavericks at SuperSonics, ESPN, 8:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

American League

Team	W	L	Pct.
Angels	10	1	.909
Blue Jays	8	2	.800
Braves	7	3	.700
Brewers	6	4	.600
Cubs	5	5	.500
Indians	4	6	.400
Mariners	3	7	.300
Mets	2	8	.200
Pirates	1	9	.100
Red Sox	0	10	.000

National League

Team	W	L	Pct.
Cardinals	10	1	.909
Cubs	8	3	.727
Dodgers	7	4	.636
Giants	6	5	.545
Mariners	5	6	.455
Pirates	4	7	.364
Red Sox	3	8	.273
Rockies	2	9	.182
Yankees	1	10	.091

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Cubs	5	5	.500
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THURSDAY

Team	W	L	Pct.
Angels	11	1	.917
Blue Jays	9	3	.750
Braves	8	4	.667
Brewers	7	5	.583
Cubs	6	6	.500
Indians	5	7	.417
Mariners	4	8	.333
Mets	3	9	.250
Pirates	2	10	.167
Red Sox	1	11	.083

THURSDAY

Team	W	L	Pct.
Cardinals	11	2	.846
Cubs	9	4	.692
Dodgers	8	5	.615
Giants	7	6	.538
Mariners	6	7	.462
Pirates	5	8	.385
Red Sox	4	9	.308
Rockies	3	10	.231
Yankees	2	11	.154

THURSDAY

Team	W	L	Pct.
Angels	12	2	.857
Blue Jays	10	4	.714
Braves	9	5	.643
Brewers	8	6	.571
Cubs	7	7	.500
Indians	6	8	.429
Mariners	5	9	.357
Mets	4	10	.286
Pirates	3	11	.214
Red Sox	2	12	.143

THURSDAY

Team	W	L	Pct.
Cardinals	12	3	.800
Cubs	10	5	.667
Dodgers	9	6	.600
Giants	8	7	.533
Mariners	7	8	.467
Pirates	6	9	.400
Red Sox	5	10	.333
Rockies	4	11	.267
Yankees	3	12	.200

Monday's Late AL Box

Team	W	L	Pct.
Angels	11	2	.846
Blue Jays	9	4	.692
Braves	8	5	.615
Brewers	7	6	.538
Cubs	6	7	.462
Indians	5	8	.385
Mariners	4	9	.308
Mets	3	10	.231
Pirates	2	11	.154
Red Sox	1	12	.077

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Team	W	L	Pct.
Cardinals	12	3	.800
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Mets	4	11	.267
Pirates	3	12	.200
Red Sox	2	13	.133

Monday's Late NL Box

Team	W	L	Pct.
Cardinals	13	4	.765
Cubs	11	6	.647
Dodgers	10	7	.588
Giants	9	8	.529
Mariners	8	9	.471
Pirates	7	10	.412
Red Sox	6	11	.353
Rockies	5	12	.294
Yankees	4	13	.235

Monday's Late AL Box

Team	W	L	Pct.
Angels	13	4	.765
Blue Jays	11	6	.647
Braves	10	7	.588
Brewers	9	8	.529
Cubs	8	9	.471
Indians	7	10	.412
Mariners	6	11	.353
Mets	5	12	.294
Pirates	4	13	.235
Red Sox	3	14	.176

Monday's Late NL Box

Team	W	L	Pct.
Cardinals	14	5	.737
Cubs	12	7	.632
Dodgers	11	8	.577
Giants	10	9	.524
Mariners	9	10	.476
Pirates	8	11	.421
Red Sox	7	12	.368
Rockies	6	13	.314
Yankees	5	14	.263

Monday's Late AL Box

Team	W	L	Pct.
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Blue Jays	12	7	.632
Braves	11	8	.577
Brewers	10	9	.524
Cubs	9	10	.476
Indians	8	11	.421
Mariners	7	12	.368
Mets	6	13	.314
Pirates	5	14	.263
Red Sox	4	15	.211

Monday's Late NL Box

Team	W	L	Pct.
Cardinals	15	6	.714
Cubs	13	8	.615
Dodgers	12	9	.571
Giants	11	10	.524
Mariners	10	11	.476
Pirates	9	12	.429
Red Sox	8	13	.385
Rockies	7	14	.333
Yankees	6	15	.286

Monday's Late AL Box

Team	W	L	Pct.
Angels	15	6	.714
Blue Jays	13	8	.615
Braves	12	9	.571
Brewers	11	10	.524
Cubs	10	11	.476
Indians	9	12	.429
Mariners	8	13	.385
Mets	7	14	.333
Pirates	6	15	.286
Red Sox	5	16	.238

Monday's Late NL Box

Team	W	L	Pct.
Cardinals	16	7	.692
Cubs	14	9	.609
Dodgers	13	10	.565
Giants	12	11	.519
Mariners	11	12	.476
Pirates	10	13	.435
Red Sox	9	14	.391
Rockies	8	15	.345
Yankees	7	16	.300

Monday's Late AL Box

Team	W	L	Pct.
Angels	16	7	.692
Blue Jays	14	9	.609
Braves	13	10	.565
Brewers	12	11	.519
Cubs	11	12	.476
Indians	10	13	.435
Mariners	9	14	.391
Mets	8	15	.345
Pirates	7	16	.300
Red Sox	6	17	.261

Monday's Late NL Box

Team	W	L	Pct.
Cardinals	17	8	.682
Cubs	15	10	.600
Dodgers	14	11	.559
Giants	13	12	.519
Mariners	12	13	.476
Pirates	11	14	.435
Red Sox	10	15	.391
Rockies	9	16	.353
Yankees	8	17	.318

Monday's Late AL Box

Team	W	L	Pct.
Angels	17	8	.682
Blue Jays	15	10	.600
Braves	14	11	.559
Brewers	13	12	.519
Cubs	12	13	.476
Indians	11	14	.435
Mariners	10	15	.391
Mets	9	16	.353
Pirates	8	17	.318
Red Sox	7	18	.281

Monday's Late NL Box

Team	W	L	Pct.
Cardinals	18	9	.667
Cubs	16	11	.593
Dodgers	15	12	.556
Giants	14	13	.519
Mariners	13	14	.481
Pirates	12	15	.444
Red Sox	11	16	.407
Rockies	10	17	.370
Yankees	9	18	.333

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Team	W	L	Pct.
Angels	18	9	.667
Blue Jays	16	11	.593
Braves	15	12	.556
Brewers	14	13	.519
Cubs	13	14	.481
Indians	12	15	.444
Mariners	11	16	.407
Mets	10	17	.370
Pirates	9	18	.333
Red Sox	8	19	.294

Monday's Late NL Box

Team	W	L	Pct.
Cardinals	19	10	.654
Cubs	17	12	.588
Dodgers	16	13	.556
Giants	15	14	.519
Mariners	14	15	.481
Pirates	13	16	.444
Red Sox	12	17	.412
Rockies	11	18	.379
Yankees	10	19	.345

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Angels	19	10	.654
Blue Jays	17	12	.588
Braves	16	13	.556
Brewers	15	14	.519
Cubs	14	15	.481
Indians	13	16	.444
Mariners	12	17	.412
Mets	11	18	.379
Pirates	10	19	.345
Red Sox	9	20	.312

Monday's Late NL Box

Team	W	L	Pct.
Cardinals	20	11	.645
Cubs	18	13	.577
Dodgers	17	14	.549
Giants	16	15	.514
Mariners	15	16	.481
Pirates	14	17	.448
Red Sox	13	18	.419
Rockies	12	19	.385
Yankees	11	20	.353

Monday's Late AL Box

Team	W	L	Pct.
Angels	20	11	.645
Blue Jays	18	13	.577
Braves	17	14	.549
Brewers	16	15	.514
Cubs	15	16	.481
Indians	14	17	.448
Mariners	13	18	.419
Mets	12	19	.385
Pirates	11	20	.353
Red Sox	10	21	.323

Monday's Late NL Box

St. Louis	22	48	.410	10.2
New York	20	47	.390	12.1
Outland Division				
San Francisco	19	41	.460	10.2
Los Angeles	18	42	.445	14.1
San Diego	16	48	.390	22.1

COMICS

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By Jim Davis



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By Guy & Odd



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By Chance Browne



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By Mort Walker



Luan

By Greg Evans



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By Bob Thaves



Strange Brew

By John Deering



Non Sequitur

By Wiley



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



BRIEFLY IN MONEY

CSI holds free workshop Monday

TWIN FALLS—Those interested in the College of Southern Idaho's radiologic technology program can learn more at an application and advising workshop.

The free workshop, conducted by professor Gary Lauer, will be held from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday in Room 108 of CSI's Aspen building.

Each fall, twelve students are accepted into the radiologic technology program, which is now in its third year at CSI.

Students spend two years, including a summer session, mastering 40 radiologic competencies and performing about 1,300 clinical education hours in nine southern Idaho and northern Nevada hospitals.

Students are required to complete certain educational requirements before they begin the program.

The application deadline for the fall 2005 program is June 1.

Former bank CEO proposes new bank

KETCHUM—The former chief executive of a Ketchum-based bank has proposed the creation of a new bank based in McCall.

Greg Lovell, who was one of the principal organizers of First Bank of Idaho, has applied to the state's finance department to charter Idaho First Bank, the department said in a statement.

Lovell will serve as chairman, president and chief executive of the full-service community bank.

The proposed bank would be the first bank organized in McCall in 98 years, as well as the first new bank chartered in Idaho in four years, the department said.

"The establishment of a locally owned and operated community bank will enhance community development in the McCall area, offer customers an alternative for financial service products, and increase competition," said F. Department Director Gavin Gee, in a statement. "The strong economic growth in the McCall area over the past several years has created tremendous opportunities for community-oriented financial institutions."

Before Idaho First Bank can start business, its organizers must be granted a bank charter from the Idaho Department of Finance and receive deposit insurance from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Hollywood groups will sue users of '12hub'

HOLLYWOOD—The major Hollywood studios and record companies have a new lesson for college students: the faster you download movies and music, the faster you may end up in a courtroom.

Leaders of the Recording Industry Association of America and the Motion Picture Association of America announced Tuesday that they expect to file hundreds of lawsuits Wednesday against students nationwide who use a program called "12hub."

To be included are an unspecified number of students at the University of Southern California, the University of California, San Diego and the University of California, Berkeley, all of whom are identified only as John Doe.

The 12hub software, released last year by a University of Michigan student, enables users to copy files in a fraction of the time required by other file-sharing programs. Users connect to each other through Internet, an accelerator that reaches more than 300 universities, government agencies and other institutions.

The record companies plan to sue at least 18 campuses who are sharing an average of more than 2,900 copyrighted songs.

The MPAA said it planned to sue students at UC San Diego and six other universities, but would not specify how many.

—compiled from staff and wire reports

M-C chamber holds women's seminar

By Lorraine Cawener
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY—A positive attitude, good health and a nice wardrobe play key roles for success in business.

The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce's Women's Success Seminar and Luncheon, set for April 26, is geared to business women and will highlight these topics.

Manhew Fygar, the chamber's executive director, plans to speak at the seminar will speak on the importance of health in business success. Fygar knows what he's talking about—he has a degree in exercise and sport

If you go ...

The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce will hold its Women's Success Seminar and Luncheon from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 26 at the Best Western Burley Inn, 800 N. Overland Ave.

Speakers include Matt Fygar, executive director of the Mini-Cassia chamber, who will speak at 11 a.m. on fitness and health. Nurse Joleen Anderson of

science and is also a certified strength and conditioning specialist.

"To do well in your work and in your life you need to be healthy," Fygar said. "Health

Cassia Regional Medical Center will speak at noon. Bobbi Wolverson, owner of Black Rock Clothing and accessory store show at 2 p.m.

Lunch will be served buffet-style from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. About 50 vendor booths will be available with prizes. Cost to attend the event is \$10.

and work productivity are linked."

A lifestyle with a balance of fitness, nutrition and relaxation lead to a healthier life, he said.

Fygar will discuss ways to

achieve this healthier lifestyle. For example, women often believe they eat less than they actually do.

"First take inventory of what you are doing," he said. "Studies show women underestimate their calorie intake."

After developing a good inventory, take the next step.

"Ask yourself where you want to be," Fygar said.

This is related to goal setting. Form realistic expectations, he said.

"Set short-term goals that you can achieve and that will help you remain motivated," Fygar said.

The third step is to decide

how to get to where you want to be. Fygar will discuss the basics of nutrition and fitness and what about strategies to get there.

Having a positive attitude is another part of a healthy lifestyle, said Joleen Anderson, a nurse at Cassia Regional Medical Center. Anderson will talk to the women's group about the importance of a positive attitude.

"Most of us take life too seriously," Anderson said. "Lighten up. When a person looks for the positives in life, he or she will find them."

Focus on trying to be more positive.

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TOUGH BIRDS



Roosters are held as they come back to back March 13 at Tommy's Place near Hobbs, N.M. Cockfighting is legal only in Louisiana and some New Mexico counties.

Breeders say cockfighting brings millions to N.M. economy

By Vance Perryman
The Associated Press

HOBBS, N.M.—Jack Calmes moved 2,100 miles for one reason—legal cockfighting.

"I simply refuse to participate in anything illegal," said Calmes, who migrated to Hobbs from Washington state.

Cockfighting is legal only in Louisiana and some New Mexico counties.

Many animal-rights organizations and individuals oppose cockfighting, calling it cruelty for the sake of entertainment.

"I don't care about the impact it would have on my business," said Darlene Barn, owner of D-Bart Grooming and Kennels, which sells cock feed. "I think it is cruel."

But those in the cockfighting industry contend it is a booming business. Some communities—one that contributes to economic development.

"More people are moving here as they can fight their birds," said Tommy Booth, who operates Tommy's Place nine miles north of Hobbs. They buy homes so they can keep their birds on their property, so they pay all the taxes. That brings money here."



Before being allowed to register their roosters at a local cockfight in Hobbs, N.M., handlers weigh their birds to determine weight class.

As cockfighting has become illegal in other states, the draw to New Mexico has increased. Booth said he knows of at least 45 cockfighters who have moved here.

Game fowl breeders contribute more than \$18.7 million in state and federal taxes, according to estimates provided by the New Mexico Game Fowl Breeders Association based on a survey sample of its 2,500 members.

The smell of burgers on the grill meets people at the entrance of Tommy's Place. A full

men and women as well as elders can be seen gathering throughout the building.

Roosters crowd as contestants gear their birds ready for the ring. No alcohol is sold at Tommy's Place and "no gambling" signs are posted and spray-painted on walls.

The birds are fitted with a small knife, or gaff, around one leg. With handlers close by, the birds are set down in the dirt-floor ring to "do what they are naturally bred to do," Booth said.

The fowl fight to the death or until one can no longer fight. The birds fight only once per event.

"We spend 99.99 percent of our time making sure they don't fight, because if one ever gets out of his pen, they will just rip each other to death," Calmes said.

"This (ring fighting) is actually more humane," Booth said. On March 4, Tommy's Place recorded 47 people paying entry fees. They are allowed to fight several roosters per entry fee.

The event, which begins with matches at about 8:30 p.m., can last until early morning.

Calmes, a former Republican

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Higher prices, stagnant wages lower spending power

The Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES—For the first time in 14 years, the American work force has in effect gotten an across-the-board pay cut.

The growth in wages in 2004 and the first two months of this year ruled the growth in prices, compounding the squeeze from higher housing, energy and other costs.

The result is that people such as Victor Romero are finding themselves falling behind.

The 49-year-old film-set laborer had to ditch his \$100-a-month Los Angeles apartment because his rent kept rising while his pay of \$24.50 an hour stayed flat.

"There's no such thing as raises anymore," Romero said.

This is the first time that salaries have increased more slowly than inflation since the

1990-91 recession. While salary growth has been relatively sluggish since the 2001 downturn, inflation had stayed relatively subdued until last year, when the consumer price index rose 2.7 percent. But average hourly wages rose only 1.5 percent.

The effective 0.2-percentage-point erosion in workers' living standards occurred while the economy expanded at a healthy 4 percent, better than the 3 percent historical average.

At the same time, corporate profits hit record highs as companies got more productivity out of workers while keeping pay raises down.

Some see climbing profits and stagnant wages as not only unfair but ultimately unsustainable. "Those that are balking the larger pie ought to see their slices expanding," said Jared Bernstein, an economist with

the liberal Economic Policy Institute in Washington.

On the other hand, higher wages could hurt the economy by stifling inflation. Employers might pass the costs on to consumers in higher prices, and that in turn might prompt the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates even more aggressively, possibly slowing the recovery or even triggering a recession.

For now, workers' wallets are being pummeled by something of a perfect storm of economic forces: a weak job market, rising health insurance premiums and inflationary pressures.

The biggest factor is the slack employment market, which means there is little pressure on businesses to boost pay. "They take advantage of you because there's no work and anyone will work for anything," Romero said.

Although the unemployment rate has dropped to a relatively low 2.9 percent, that figure doesn't count the hundreds of thousands of jobless people who've given up their searches and dropped out of the labor market at a greater rate than any time since 1988.

At the same time, the cost of health premiums has skyrocketed, eating into the pool of corporate cash set aside for retirees. While pay increased only about 2.4 percent last year, benefit costs jumped almost 7 percent.

With benefits factored in, workers' total compensation did outpace inflation in 2004, even if they didn't see it in their paychecks. But employers also are requiring workers to pay a greater share of their premiums.

"Health care has eroded the gains," said Fygar. Please see PAY, Page E2

By Christopher Smith
Associated Press Writer

BOISE—Tougher rules for clearing bankruptcy and a permanent repeal of federal estate taxes will be backed by Idaho's two U.S. House members in key votes in Congress this week.

Idaho had the 10th-highest number of bankruptcy petitions per household last year, according to the nonpartisan American Bankruptcy Institute. In the last federal fiscal year, 9,750 cases of bankruptcy were filed by Idaho residents, according to the Administrative Office of U.S. Courts. That's up more than 7 percent from the 9,051 Idaho bankruptcies filed in fiscal 2003.

Almost all Idaho bankruptcy filings seek to erase unpaid bills under Chapter 7 of the federal bankruptcy code. This week, the U.S. House will consider a Senate-passed bill creating a "means test" that would make it harder for people to avoid paying their debts under Chapter 7. The new standards would determine if a filer has the financial resources to repay some or all debts under a court-administered Chapter 13 bankruptcy plan.

"When the founders of our country said we weren't going to have a debtors' prison, they meant we were going to give everybody the opportunity to work these things out for themselves," Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter, R-Idaho, said Monday while introducing a statewide campaign to promote basic money management skills. "If the founders saw what was going on now with these people who go into debt and get three or four credit cards, run them up to the limit, then walk away, they would say, 'Get a rope.'"

Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, said the new means test would provide financial respite for people truly in need of bankruptcy protection, but crack down on those who try to abuse the system.

Bankruptcy should not be a form of financial planning and its becoming that way for too many people, Simpson said. The Idaho lawmakers also plan to support making a 2001 rollback of the federal estate tax permanent, rather than temporary. The House has passed such legislation three times in the past four years, but the measures have failed to win Senate approval.

Before passage of the 2001 tax law, heirs of an estate valued more than \$675,000 were subject to a 55 percent federal tax. The law provided for a gradual decrease in the rate and full elimination by 2010, but only for a year. Some lawmakers want to repeal the sunset provision. Others worry that eliminating the tax will encourage the spinning billion-dollar deficit.

Other believes a compromise may be reached by capping the value of estates exempt from the tax. "I believe in no cap at all, but I'd be willing to listen to the argument of maybe setting a \$30 million limit," he said.

Idaho also has no cap but has backed legislation that would exempt the first \$5 million of an estate value from the tax.

"We need to make a decision one way or the other because it's absolutely true to have it decline to zero in 2010 and then have it reappear in 2011," he said.

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